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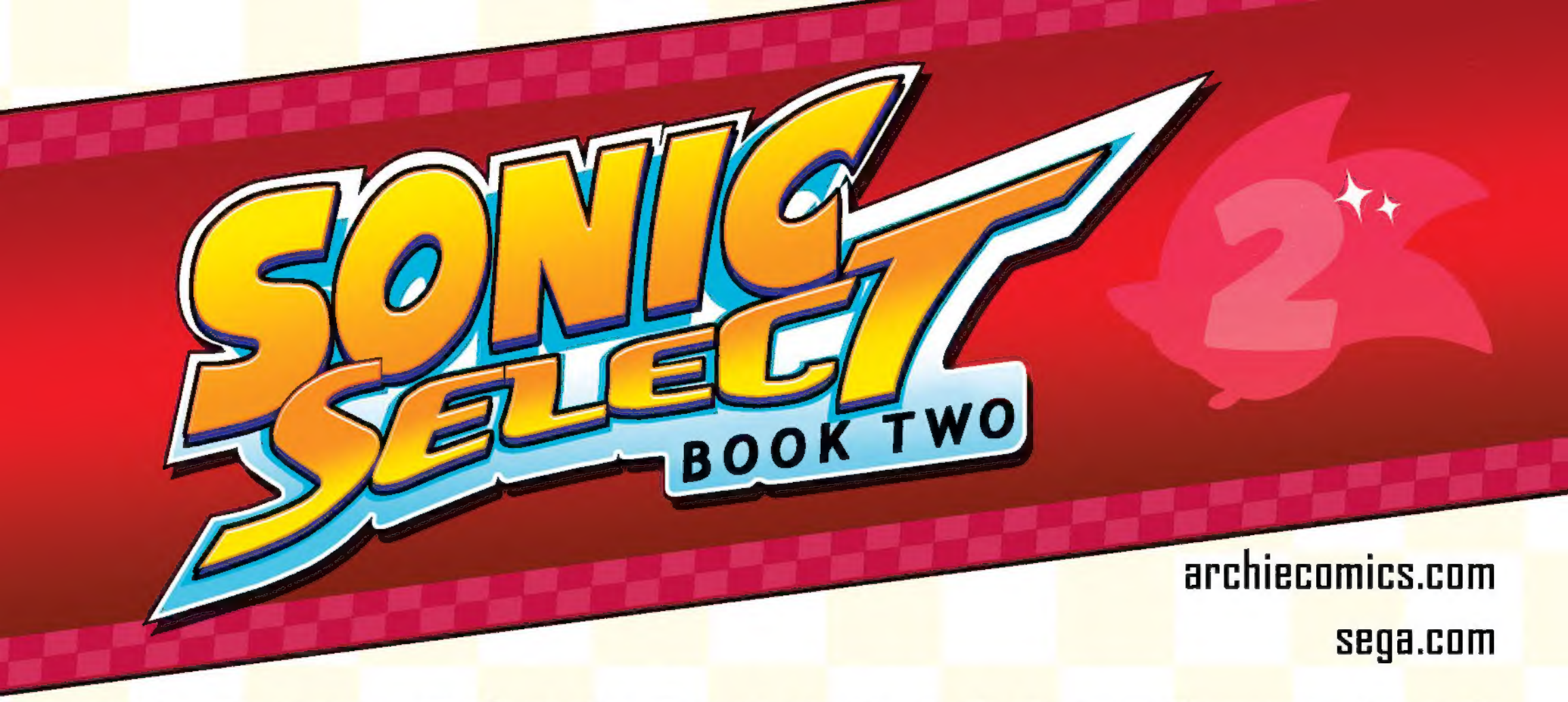

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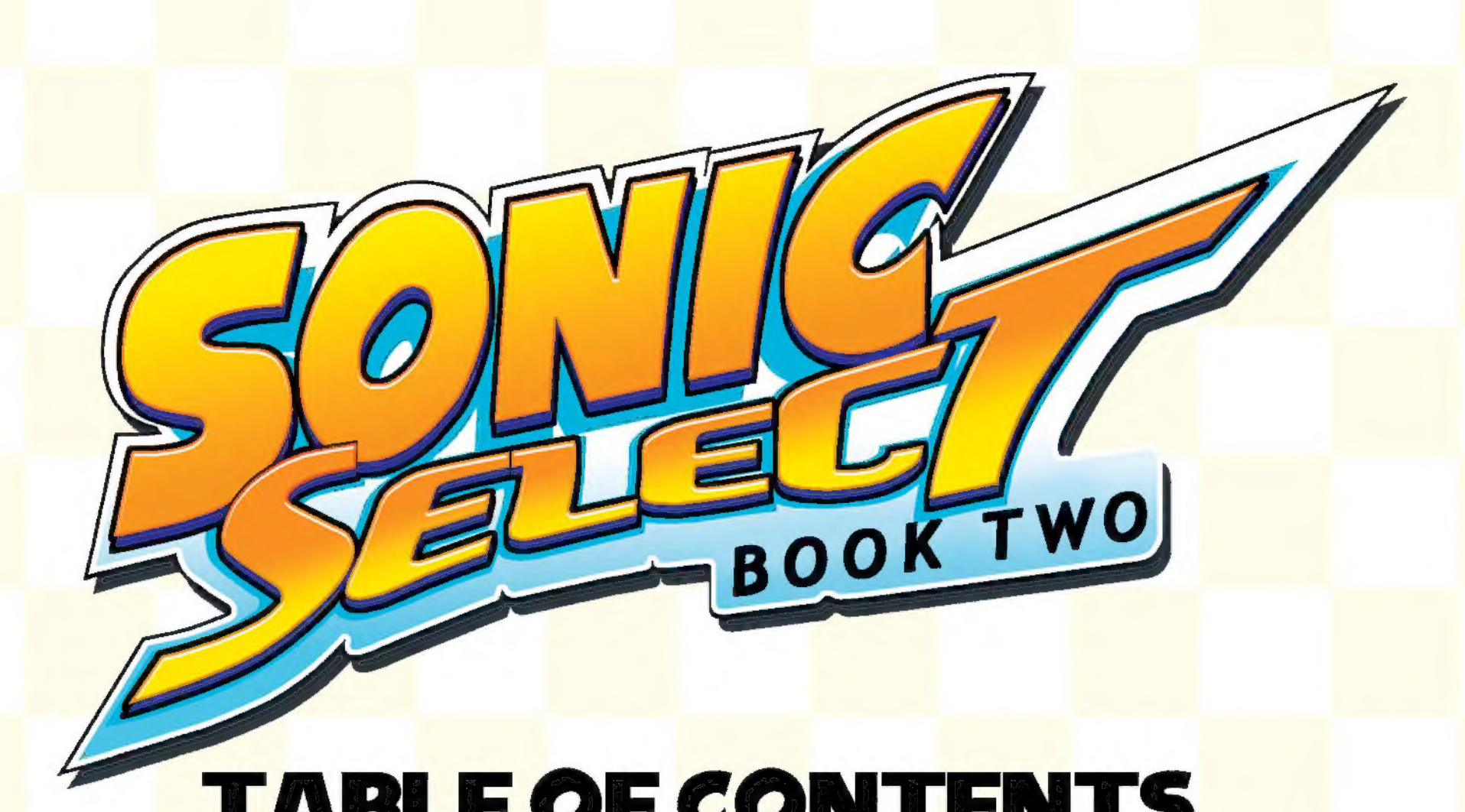

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A friendly game of tag leads Espio to a discovery which could forever change Knuckles' life, and the lives of everyone he knows! Too bad Espio doesn't realize just what (or who) he has discovered!

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When Sonic is roboticized by Dr. Robotnik, he threatens to tear all of Knothole apart and give away its secret location! Has the true blue Freedom Fighter really betrayed his friends? And to what lengths will they go to stop their once-acclaimed hero? You won't believe your eyes when you read this epic story!

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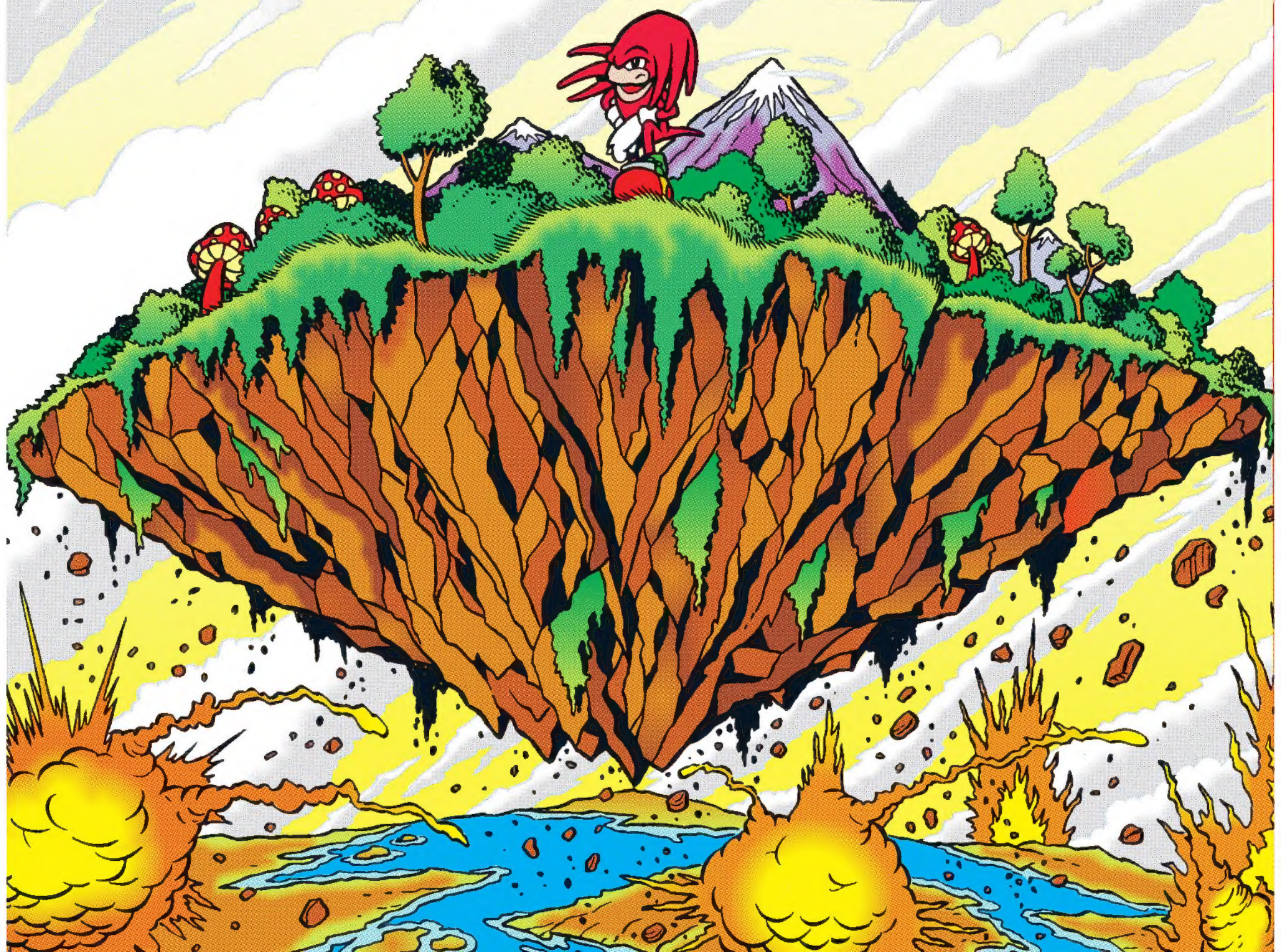
Tall trees. Lush fields of grass. Cool clear crystal streams of water. These are but a few of the elements that comprise the **Floating Island**, giving the impression of an unending paradise. As with everything in nature, however, there is a balance.

For every known quantity, there is the unknown. For every field of vegetation, there exists a patch of arid desert sand. For every explored territory, there lie uncharted regions. And for every friend, there exist the predators.

For ages, visitors have been few and far between. With the war now being waged below upon the surface of **Mobius**, between the forces of that evil despot **Dr. Ivo Robotnik** and the valiant **Sonic The Hedgehog** and his courageous band of **Freedom Fighters**, it was inevitable that the **Floating Island** would be drawn into the conflict.

...But as a haven to escape the harshness and cruelty of the war... or a beachhead used by one side to overcome the other?



THE FABLED *FLOATING ISLAND OF MOBIUS.*

A NICE PLACE TO VISIT.

OR AT LEAST IT *WOULD* BE...

...IF *TOURISM* WASN'T *FROWNED UPON* BY THE *NATIVES.*

GIVEN THEIR HOME'S STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE IN THE WAR BETWEEN *ROBOTNIK* AND THE *REBEL ALLIANCE*, THEY HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE *WARY* OF *STRANGERS.*

BESIDES...

NO DOGS ALLOWED

BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED

KEEP OFF THE GRASS

...THEY LIKE THEIR *PRIVACY.*

STILL, THAT'S NEVER DISCOURAGED CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS FROM STRIVING TO *EXPLOIT* THE LUSH TROPICAL PARADISE.

THERE IT IS!

WELC

AT LAST!

THOUGH TODAY, THE OUTLANDERS COME NOT TO *FIGHT*...

WELCOME

THE CHAOS EFFECT
PART 1
...BUT TO PAR-TAY!
WOULD YOU LOOK AT THIS PLACE!
IT'S FAN-TASTIC!
GUESS OUR INVITES WERE ON THE LEVEL, TAILS!
EVERY FREEDOM FIGHTER WE'VE FOUGHT WITH IS HERE...
...EVEN KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!
HALL of MIRRORS
SKIL
4 BALLS TEST YOUR SKILL!
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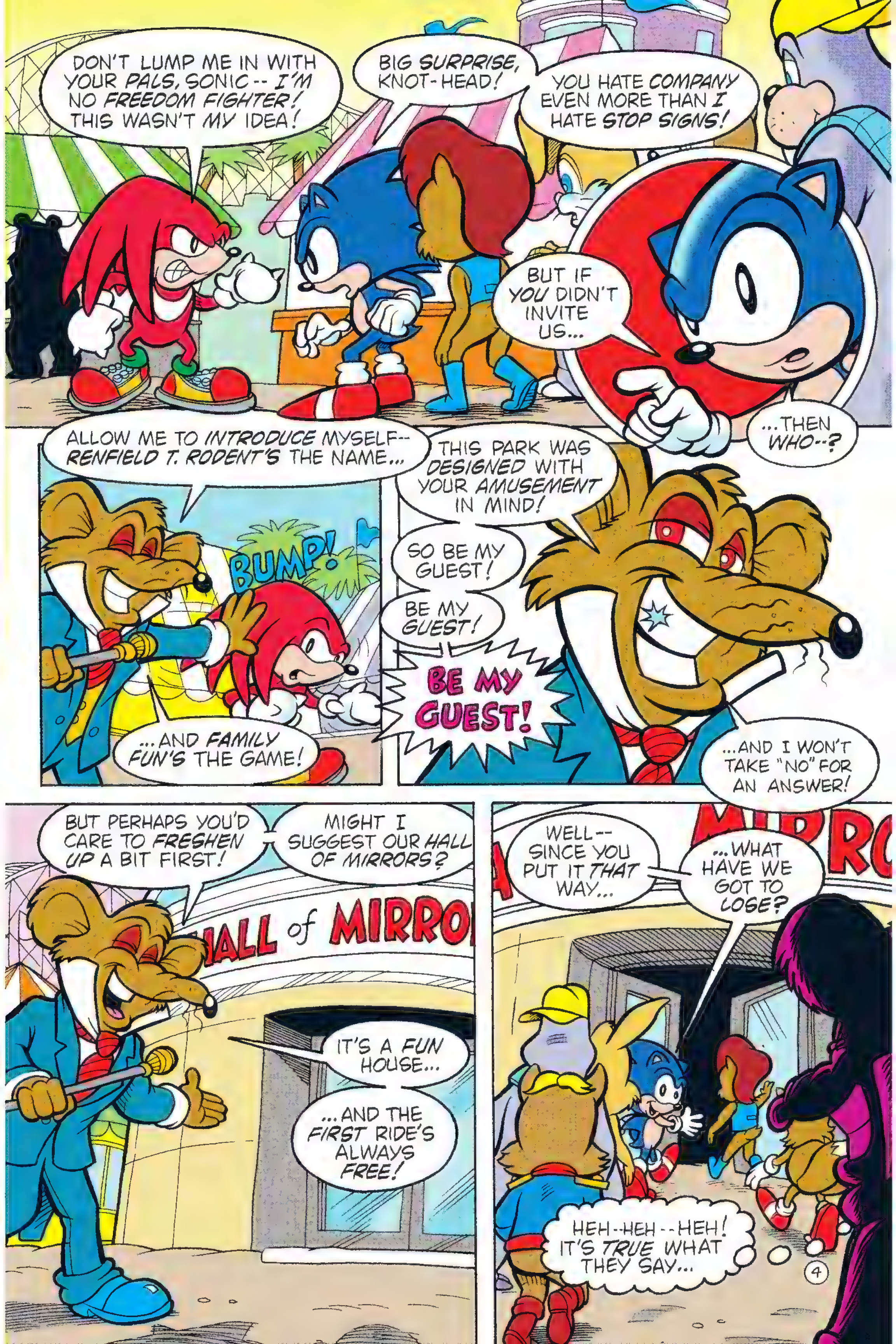
DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH YOUR PALS, SONIC -- I'M NO FREEDOM FIGHTER! THIS WASN'T MY IDEA!
BIG SURPRISE, KNOT-HEAD!
YOU HATE COMPANY EVEN MORE THAN I HATE STOP SIGNS!
BUT IF YOU DIDN'T INVITE US...
...THEN WHO--?
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF-- RENFIELD T. RODENT'S THE NAME...
BUMP!
...AND FAMILY FUN'S THE GAME!
THIS PARK WAS DESIGNED WITH YOUR AMUSEMENT IN MIND!
SO BE MY GUEST!
BE MY GUEST!
BE MY GUEST!
...AND I WON'T TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER!
BUT PERHAPS YOU'D CARE TO FRESHEN UP A BIT FIRST!
MIGHT I SUGGEST OUR HALL OF MIRRORS?
HALL of MIRRO
IT'S A FUN HOUSE...
...AND THE FIRST RIDE'S ALWAYS FREE!
WELL-- SINCE YOU PUT IT THAT WAY...
...WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO LOSE?
HEH--HEH--HEH! IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY...
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"...THERE'S A *SUCKER* BORN EVERY *MINUTE!*"

OH, MY!

THIS *CAN'T* BE RIGHT!

LOOKS GOOD TO ME!

AWESOME!

ZUT ALORS-- MY INNAIRE SELF *UNVEILED!*

THERE'S SOMETHING *WRONG* HERE...

...BUT I CAN'T QUITE PUT MY *FINGER* ON--

HEY!

TURN OFF THAT LIGHT!

FZUUUM...

PHOOOMPH!

THAT'S *BETTER!*

DON'T CARE *WHAT* RENFIELD SAYS, THIS PLACE ISN'T...

...MUCH...

...FUN?

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS--*TRAPPED* INSIDE THOSE *MIRRORS!*

BUT *HOW?*

WHO--?

WHO?

YOU *DISAPPOINT* ME, ECHIDNA.

SURELY, YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOUR OLD FRIEND..."

DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK!!

SO YOU'RE *BEHIND* THIS!

BOTH *LITERALLY* AND *FIGURATIVELY*... WITH *AID* FROM *RENFIELD* THE *RODENT!*

HIS "AMUSEMENT PARK" WAS THE IDEAL BAIT WITH WHICH TO LURE THE *FREEDOM FIGHTERS* INTO A "TOURIST TRAP"!

SOME CAREFULLY DISTRIBUTED *INVITATIONS*...

"... A FEW ONE-WAY TRIPS THROUGH THE *HALLS OF MIRRORS*...

"...AND MY ENEMIES ARE BUT PALE *SHADOWS* OF THEIR FORMER SELVES!

"AT LAST, *MOBIUS* IS *MINE!*"

AREN'T YOU *FORGETTING* SOMETHING, PORK-FACE?

I'M STILL *KICKING*...

...AND I'M GONNA *START* WITH YOUR BU-- UUNGHH!

WHAM!

FOOLISH ANTEATER! THE *ENERGIES* I'VE RELEASED HAVE *TRANSFORMED* YOUR BODY!

A NIP *HERE*-- A TUCK *THERE*...

...AND YOUR NATURAL ABILITIES BECOME *NULL* AND *VOID!*

I COULD HAVE TRANSPORTED YOU TO ANOTHER *DIMENSION* OF *REALITY*, ALONG WITH THE *OTHERS*...

...BUT WITHOUT *WITNESSES*, *TRIUMPH* LOSES ITS *LUSTER!*

AND WE CAN'T HAVE *THAT* -- NOW *CAN* WE?

MIRRORS

HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHAHA

END OF PART I

THE CHAOS EFFECT

PART 2

ALWAYS SAID, "I WANT TO BE ALONE"...

...BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

ROBOTNIK'S CAPTURED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

...AND LEFT ME HOLDING THE BAG!

'COURSE, WITHOUT MY SPECIAL POWERS AND ABILITIES, I'VE GOT PLENTY OF NOTHING!

EVEN MY SHARP KNUCKLES ARE GONE!

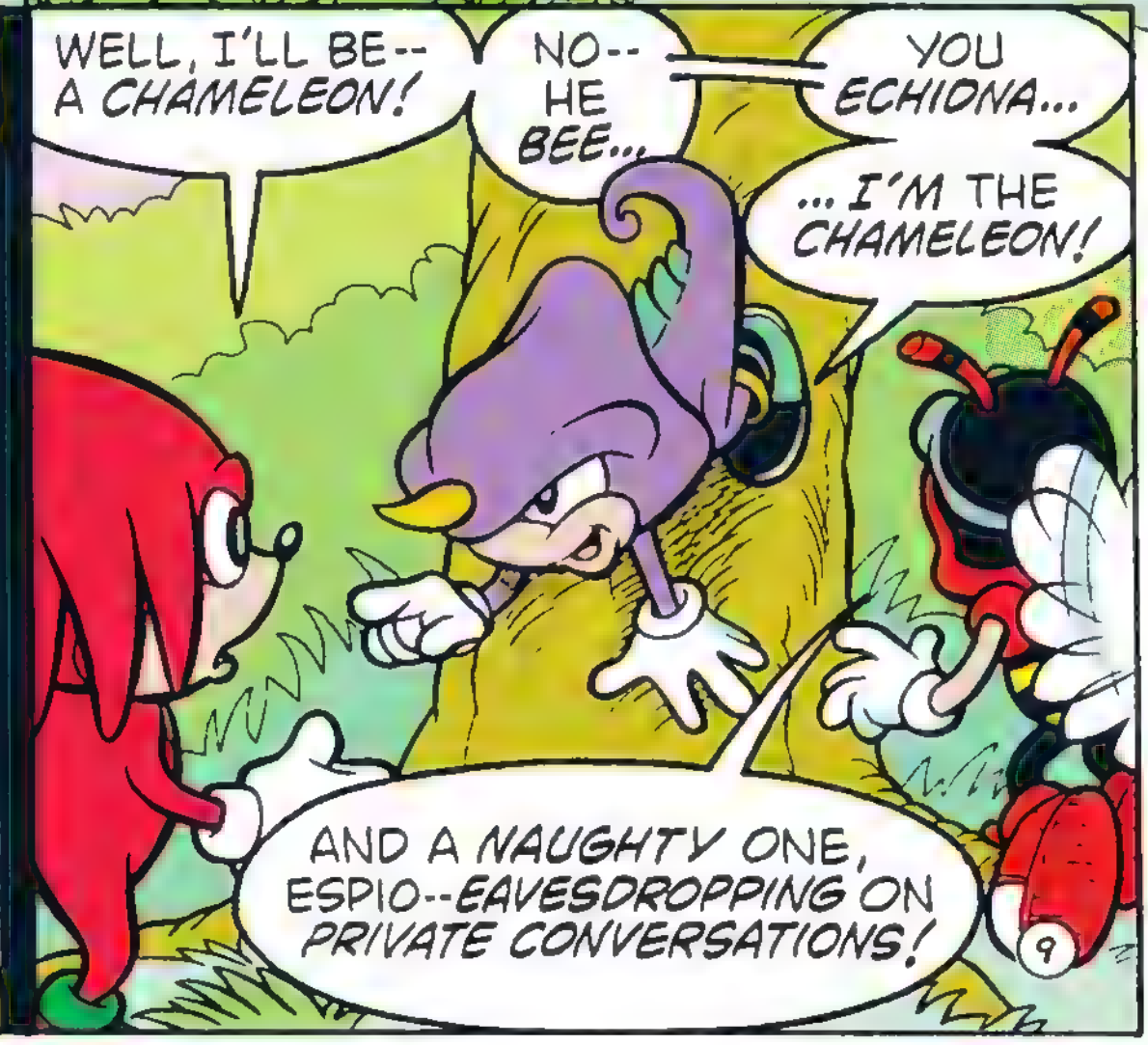
NO KNUCKLES... SHORTER LOCKS... AND NO LUCK!

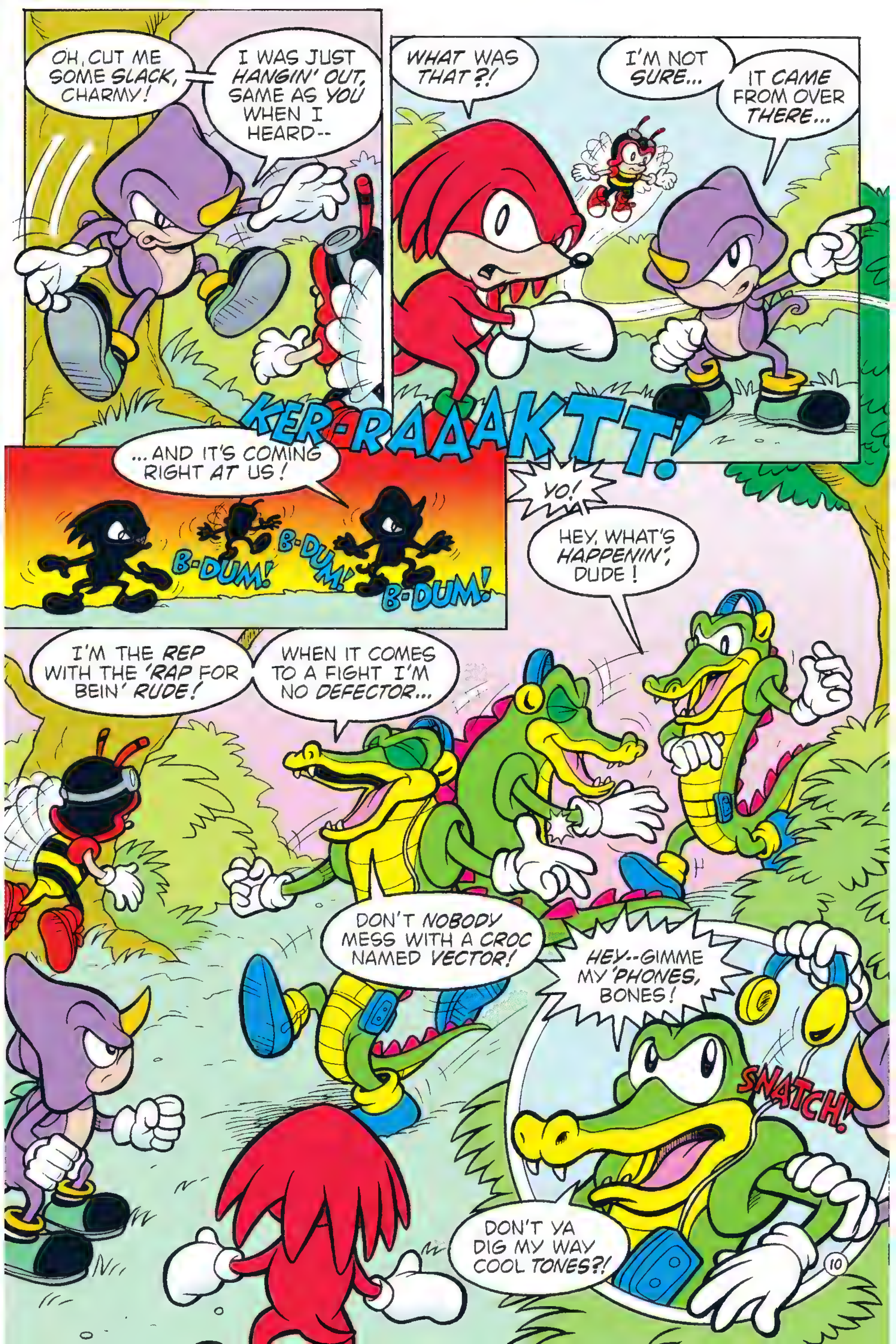
JUST 'CAUSE I'M GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND DOESN'T MEAN I ALWAYS KNOW WHAT TO DO, OR WHERE TO --

--GO?

ZIP!

A HONEY BEE?
NO...
YOU'VE GOT 20/20 HINDSIGHT, FRIEND!
BUT IT'S BEST TO LOOK FORWARD...
INSTEAD OF BACK!
...A CHARMY BEE!
NOT THAT I MIND YOUR COMPANY... BUT WHY WEREN'T YOU AT THE PARK, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE?
BECAUSE I'M NOT "EVERYONE"-- THAT'S WHY!
PLACES TO GO... PEOPLE TO SEE... POLLEN TO GATHER...
...KIND'A LIKE ME!




OH, CUT ME SOME SLACK, CHARMY!
I WAS JUST HANGIN' OUT, SAME AS YOU WHEN I HEARD--
WHAT WAS THAT?!
I'M NOT SURE...
IT CAME FROM OVER THERE...
KER-RAAAKTT!
...AND IT'S COMING RIGHT AT US!
B-DUM!
B-DUM!
B-DUM!
YO!
HEY, WHAT'S HAPPENIN', DUDE!
I'M THE REP WITH THE 'RAP FOR BEIN' RUDE!
WHEN IT COMES TO A FIGHT I'M NO DEFECTOR...
DON'T NOBODY MESS WITH A CROC NAMED VECTOR!
HEY--GIMME MY 'PHONES, BONES!
SNATCH!
DON'T YA DIG MY WAY COOL TONES?!

OH, WE *HEARD* YOUR "*CROCODILE ROCK*"! COULDN'T *YOU* HEAR *US*?

NO...

...BUT I *F-FEEL* THAT...

...IN *3-D THX-SENSURROUND!*

RRRUMMBLL...

THROOM!

HELLO.

DID I *MISS* ANYTHING?

ONLY THE "*DETOUR*" SIGN, BIG GUY!

MAN, YOU ARE ONE *MIGHTY* ARMADILLO-- *BLASTIN'* THROUGH THAT *MOUNTAIN!*

HOW DID--?

HEH.

TOOK TH' *THROUGH-WAY!*

TOUGH *GOIN'*...BUT IT'S *SHORTER!*

'SIDES, I HAD SOME *HELP!*

LOOK OUT...

...THE *HILLS* HAVE *EYES!*

GET BACK-- ROBOTS!

ROBOTS--?

OH, THEY'RE OKAY-- THESE ARE FRIENDS OF MINE!

MEET HEAVY ...AND BOMB!

SALUTATIONS!

PING!

"BOMB AND I WERE ROBOTNIK'S PRIDE AND JOY--MECHANICAL MECHANICS, DESIGNED TO SEEK OUT AND REPAIR DAMAGED SYSTEMS AUTOMATICALLY.

"BUT HE BUILT US TOO WELL...THE POWER GEMS WHICH ALLOWED FOR INDEPENDENT ACTION GRANTED US BOTH CONSCIOUSNESS...

"...AND CONSCIENCES!

"ONCE WE OVERHEARD ROBOTNIK'S PLAN TO IMPRISON THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WITH HIS FUN HOUSE MIRRORS, OUR COURSE WAS CLEAR...

"...WE ESCAPED FROM ROBOTROPOLIS...

"... AND MADE OUR WAY HERE!"

THAT'S A NICE PIECE OF *PULP FICTION*, METAL-HEAD...

...BUT WHY SHOULD WE *TRUST* YOU?

FOLLOW US...

"...AND YOU'LL SEE FOR YOURSELVES!"

WHEN BOMB AND I LEFT THE DOCTOR'S ASSEMBLY LINE...

...WE DIDN'T LEAVE EMPTY-HANDED!

THESE ARE POWER GEMS-- THE VERY THINGS ROBOTNIK USED TO ENERGIZE HIS MIRRORS, BOMB, AND MYSELF...

...ALONG WITH A CACHE OF EXPERIMENTAL WEAPONS!

PING! PING! PING!

THEY SHOULD PROVE INVALUABLE TO YOUR CAUSE!

GOT *THAT* RIGHT, HEAVY!

WITH *THESE* LITTLE BEAUTIES...

...WE CAN SEND ROBO'S WORLD *SPINNING* INTO *TOTAL CHAOS!*

END OF PART II

Robotnik Rules!

THE CHAOS EFFECT

PART 3

BRILLIANCE! SHEER BRILLIANCE!

WITH ONE BOLD STROKE, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN ERASED...

...TO BE REPLACED BY MY NEW WORLD ORDER!

NICE WORK, DOC! NOW YOU SEE 'EM...

...NOW YOU DON'T!

QUITE SO, RENFIELD!

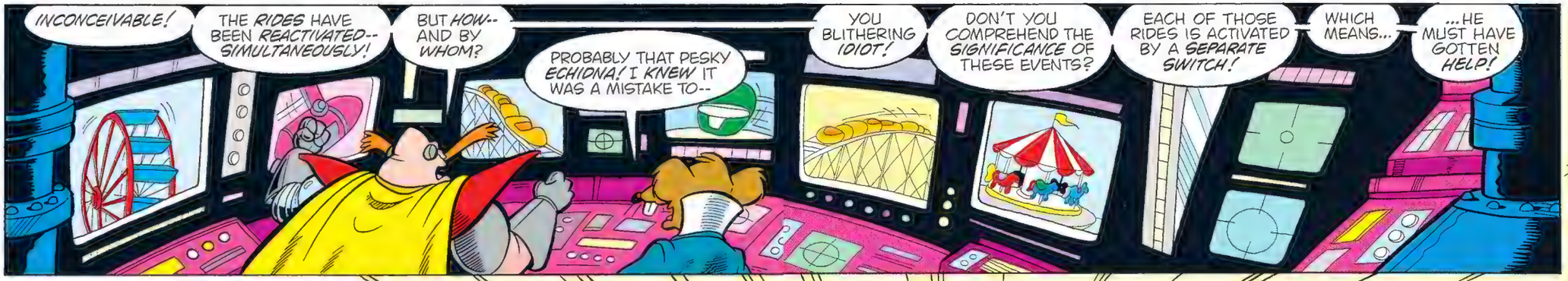
WITH THOSE PERPETUAL THORNS REMOVED FROM MY SIDE, NOTHING COULD POSSIBLY...

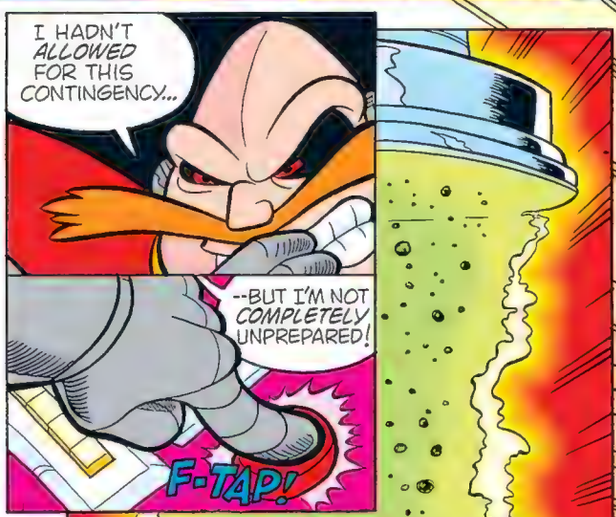
...GO...

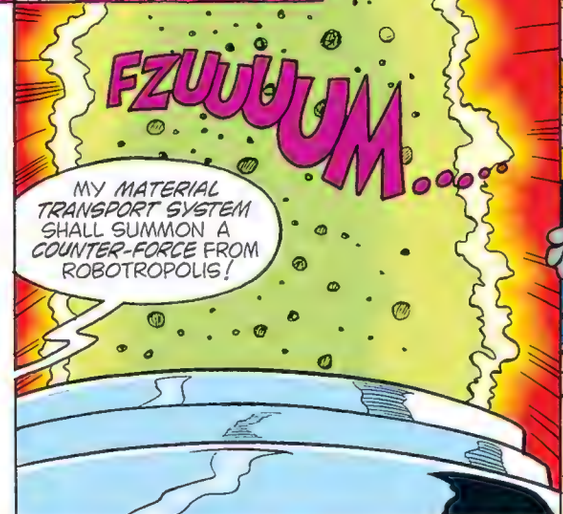
...WRONG?

ALERT

EEOOEEOOEEC


INCONCEIVABLE!
THE RIDES HAVE BEEN REACTIVATED-- SIMULTANEOUSLY!
BUT HOW-- AND BY WHOM?
PROBABLY THAT PESKY ECHIDNA! I KNEW IT WAS A MISTAKE TO--
YOU BLITHERING IDIOT!
DON'T YOU COMPREHEND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE EVENTS?
EACH OF THOSE RIDES IS ACTIVATED BY A SEPARATE SWITCH!
WHICH MEANS...
...HE MUST HAVE GOTTEN HELP!


I HADN'T ALLOWED FOR THIS CONTINGENCY...
--BUT I'M NOT COMPLETELY UNPREPARED!
F-TAP!


FZUUUUM.....
MY MATERIAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM SHALL SUMMON A COUNTER-FORCE FROM ROBOTROPOLIS!

AND...
...SINCE REFLECTION IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY...
...WHAT BETTER WEAPON THAN A DARK MIRROR-IMAGE OF MY GREATEST FOE?
BEHOLD...
...MECHA-SONIC!*
*LAST SEEN IN SONIC #25- EDITOR

I LIVE TO SERVE-- I SERVE TO LIVE!
WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS, LORD ROBOTNIK?
A NEW FACTION OF "FREEDOM FIGHTERS" HAS ARISEN...
...UNDOUBTEDLY ORGANIZED BY KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!
GO NOW--FORTIFIED BY YOUR RECENT UPGRADES...
FA-SHOOM!

"...AND *DESTROY* THEM!"

NUTS!

THOUGHT ALL THAT JAZZ MIGHT *DISTRACT* ROBOTNIK *LONG* ENOUGH FOR US TO *REACH* THE *HALL OF MIRRORS*...

...BUT *INSTEAD* HE'S CALLED IN THE *CAVALRY!*

OUTSTANDING!

"YOU'LL BELIEVE A *HEDGEHOG* CAN *FLY!*"

NOT FOR *LONG*, VECTOR...

...'CAUSE WE'RE GONNA TAKE THAT CLOCKWORK WIND-UP KNOCK-OFF *DOWN* AND *OUT!*

CHARGE!

ENEMY SIGHTED-- ATTACK FORTHCOMING!

TARGETING SYSTEMS ON-LINE!

HEY, *BLUE-BOY*...

--WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR *OWN* SIZE?

KLIK! Whrrr...

AS YOU WISH.

'COURSE, THAT *COULD* PROVE *PROBLEMATIC*...

WHOOSH!

KE-RAASH!
SEGA
WANTS YOU!
...WHEN YOUR ENEMY...
...CAN HIDE IN PLAIN SIGHT!
POIT!
WEAPON'S LOCK HAS BEEN LOST.
SWITCHING TO INFRA-RED.
OH, YOU'LL BE SEEING "RED" ALL RIGHT...
...ONCE WE'RE FINISHED WITH --
UHNF!
HOSTILE IDENTIFIED AS KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA...
SNAG!
...RECENTLY DE-POWERED BY DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK.
IGNORE...
...IN FAVOR OF UNKNOWN ENTITY!
SWOOOOOSH!
BIG -- BIG MISTAKE!
THINK YOU'VE GOT ME BY THE END OF MY TETHER?
WELL...

PHOOMPH!
...THINK AGAIN!
SCHWIIIING!
WARNING!
RELATIVE COORDINATES HAVE BEEN TRANSPOSED!
WHICH MEANS...
HEY, MECHA SONIC...
...YOU'RE THE ONE CRUISIN' FOR A BRUISIN'!
...HOW'D YOU LIKE A NICE TROPICAL PUNCH?
POW!
THROOM!
THROOM!
KLIK!
Whrrrr...
PING
PING
PING
KA-BOOM!
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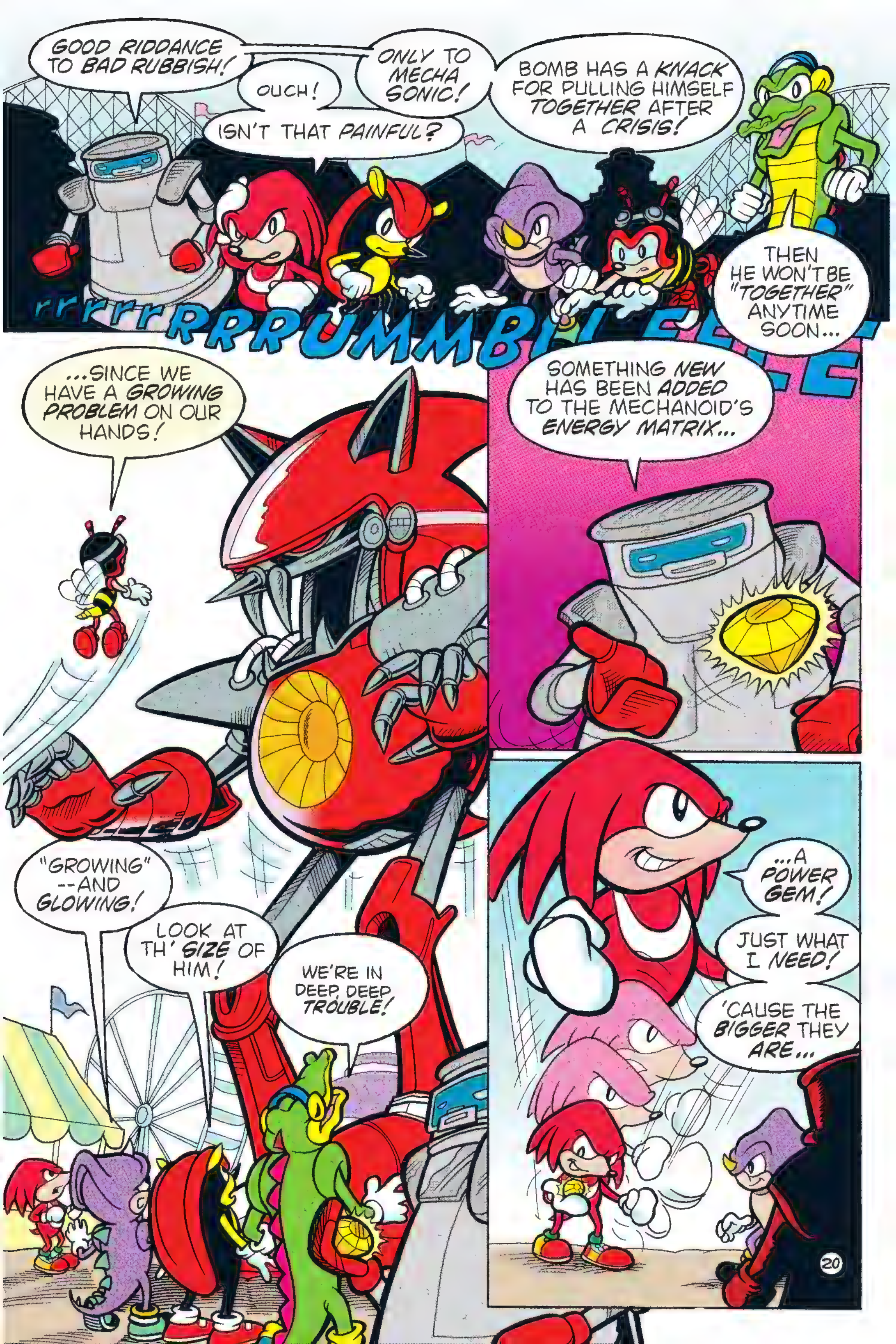
GOOD RIDDANCE TO BAD RUBBISH!
OUCH!
ISN'T THAT PAINFUL?
ONLY TO MECHA SONIC!
BOMB HAS A KNACK FOR PULLING HIMSELF TOGETHER AFTER A CRISIS!
rrrrrrRRRUMBLE
THEN HE WON'T BE "TOGETHER" ANYTIME SOON...
...SINCE WE HAVE A GROWING PROBLEM ON OUR HANDS!
SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE MECHANOID'S ENERGY MATRIX...
"GROWING" --AND GLOWING!
LOOK AT TH' SIZE OF HIM!
WE'RE IN DEEP, DEEP TROUBLE!
...A POWER GEM!
JUST WHAT I NEED!
'CAUSE THE BIGGER THEY ARE...
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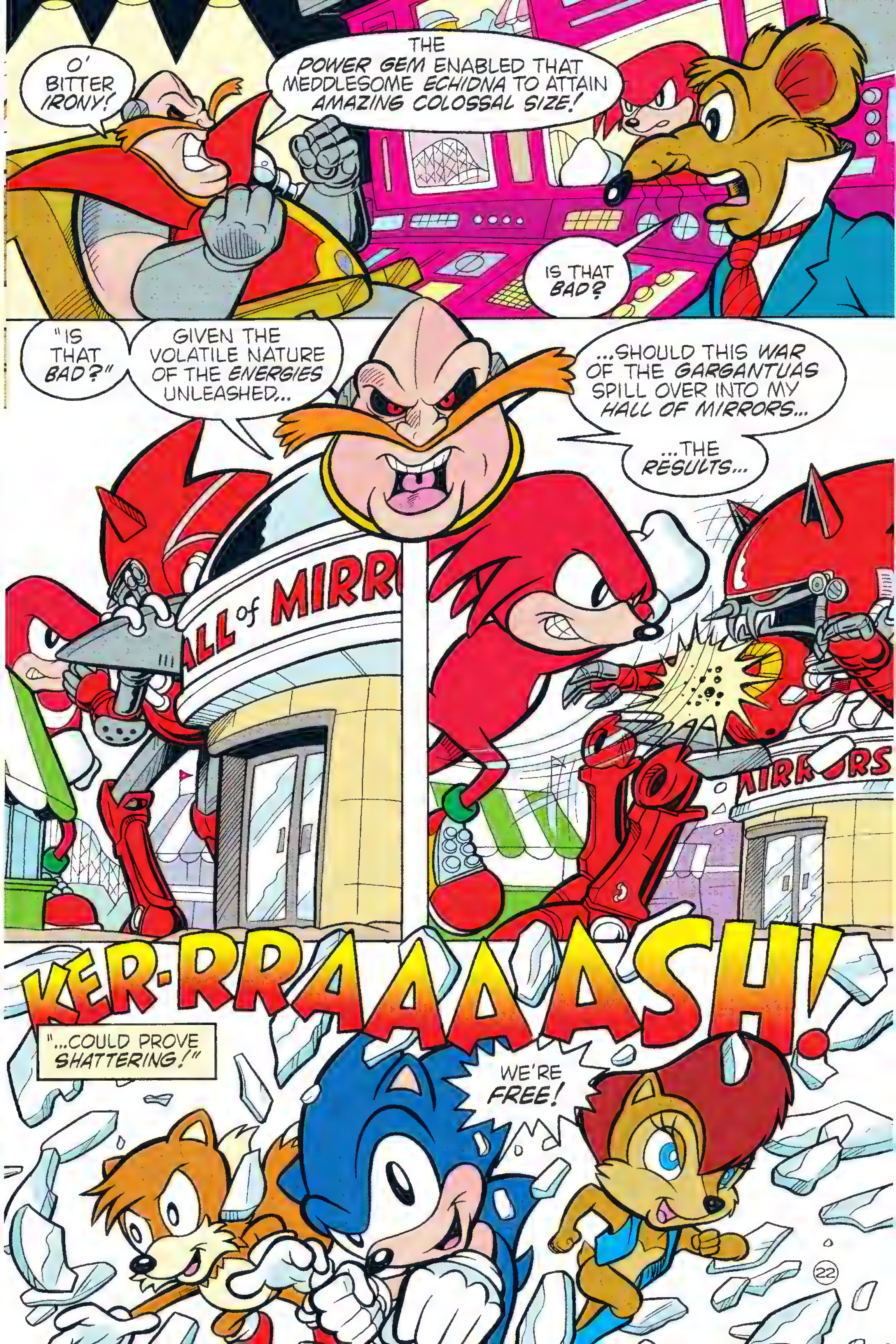
...THE HARDER I HIT!
KRA-KOOM!


O' BITTER IRONY!
THE POWER GEM ENABLED THAT MEDDLESOME ECHIDNA TO ATTAIN AMAZING COLOSSAL SIZE!
IS THAT BAD?
"IS THAT BAD?"
GIVEN THE VOLATILE NATURE OF THE ENERGIES UNLEASHED...
...SHOULD THIS WAR OF THE GARGANTUAS SPILL OVER INTO MY HALL OF MIRRORS...
...THE RESULTS...
KER-RRAAAASH!
"...COULD PROVE SHATTERING!"
WE'RE FREE!

BREAKING THOSE *MIRRORS* MUST'VE SOMEHOW *REVERSED* THAT EARLIER *ENERGY EFFECT!*

I CAN FEEL THAT MY POWERS AND ABILITIES ARE *BACK!*

...AND I KNOW *JUST* WHAT TO *DO* WITH 'EM!

DANGER-- DANGER...

...THIS ...DOES ...NOT...

KRA-KOOM!

...COMPUTE...

TSK-TSK!

BROKEN MIRRORS JUST CAUSED 148,995 *YEARS* OF *BAD LUCK...*

FSSSSS

"...ALL FOR *ROBOTNIK!*"

GET *ROBOTNIK!*

GET THE *RODENT!*

SO MUCH FOR "*SATISFIED CUSTOMERS*"!

WHERE TO *NOW*, BOSS?

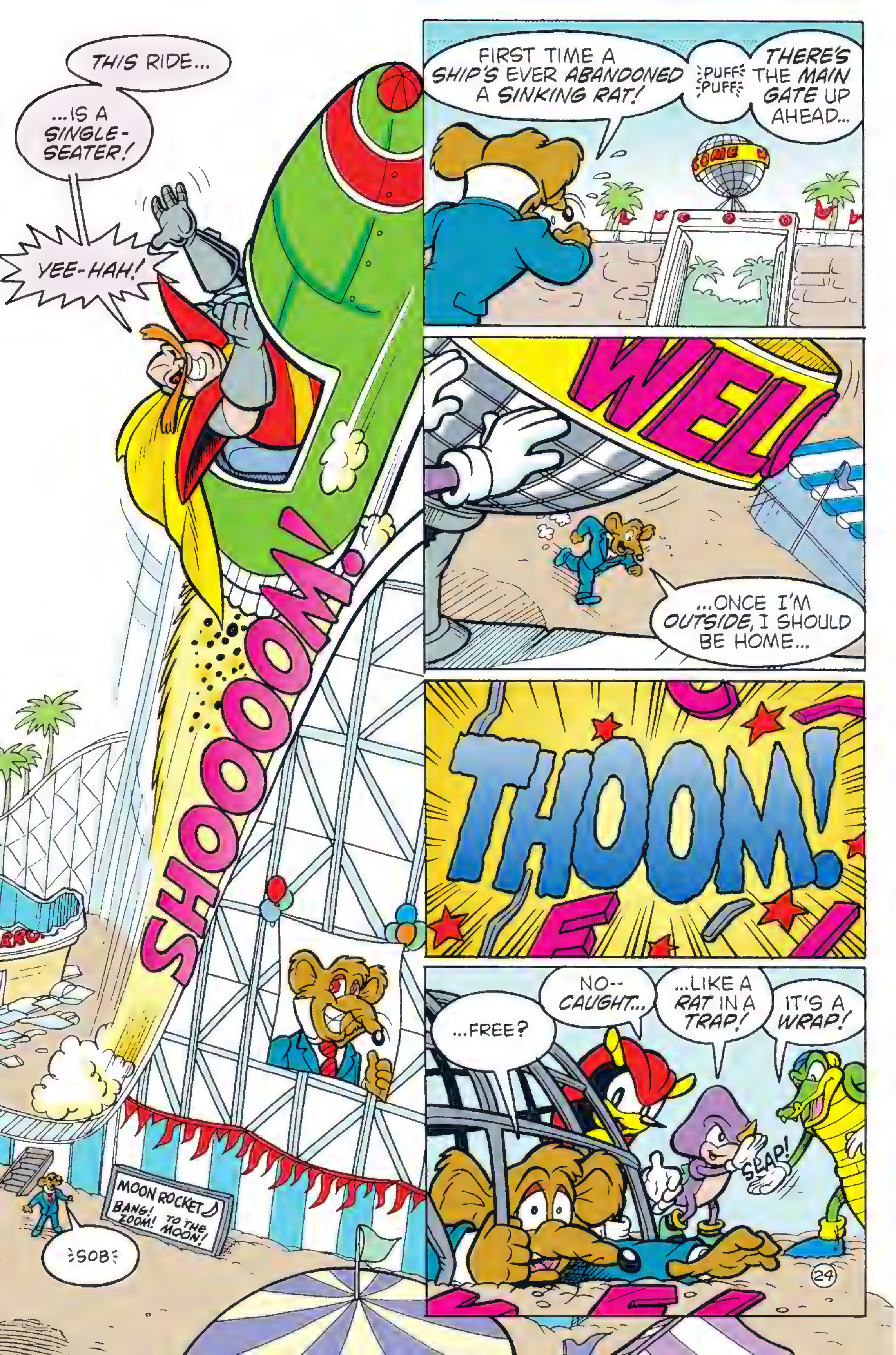
MOON ROCKET RIDE

BANG! ZOOM! TO THE MOON!

"*WE*" AREN'T GOING *ANYWHERE*, YOU *WRETCHED RODENT!*

BOOT!

AWWP!


THIS RIDE...
...IS A SINGLE-SEATER!
YEE-HAH!
SHOOOOM!
FIRST TIME A SHIP'S EVER ABANDONED A SINKING RAT!
PUFF PUFF
THERE'S THE MAIN GATE UP AHEAD...
WEE!
...ONCE I'M OUTSIDE, I SHOULD BE HOME...
THOOM!
...FREE?
NO-- CAUGHT...
...LIKE A RAT IN A TRAP!
IT'S A WRAP!
SLAP!
MOON ROCKET BANG! ZOOM! TO THE MOON!
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LATER...
TAKE 'IM AWAY, BOYS!
WHAT A MESS!
WELL, AT LEAST SOMETHING GOOD CAME OUT OF IT, KNUCKLES!
YOU FOUND A FEW NEW FRIENDS...
...AND THE MAKINGS OF YOUR VERY OWN SUPER-TEAM!
US--A TEAM?
NO WAY-- I AIN'T JOININ' NO CIRCUS!
...OR A FREAK SHOW!
WHAT HE SAID!
LIFE IS CHAOTIC ENOUGH WITHOUT US CONSTANTLY BUMPING ELBOWS!
PING PING! PING!
SATISFIED, SMARTY?
I SUPPOSE.
STILL, I CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF...
THE CHAOTIX™
WANT TO SEE MORE OF KNUCKLES AND THE CHAOTIX? WRITE AND LET US KNOW!
The END

THE CHAOTIX™

HEADS UP, MIGHTY!

TAG! YOU'RE "IT!"

BOINK!

WHA--?

WELL, HAVE YOU ANYTHING *BETTER* TO DO RIGHT *NOW*?

OH, NOT *ANOTHER* ONE OF YOUR *GAMES*, CHARMY!

COME TO *THINK* OF IT-- NOT REALLY!

READY OR NOT, GANG--*HERE I COME!*

I KNEW HE'D BE *EASY* TO GET *STARTED!*

NOW TO SEE IF THE *OTHERS* WANT TO *PLAY* AS WELL!

HEY, *VECTOR!* WATCH OUT FOR *MIGHTY!*

WHY? BAD HAIR DAY?

NO! HE'S *JUST* PLAYING "*TAG*"!

LOOK OUT!

WHAM!

AND *YOU'RE* "IT"!

SLAM!

MMUUUMMPPHHH!

WAITAMINUTE! NO FAIR! NO FAIR!

WHAT KIND OF *WARNING* WAS *THAT?!!*

SINCE *WHEN* DID THE RULES SAY YOU *NEED* TO WARN SOMEBODY?

SINCE RIGHT *NOW!*

NOW *HOLD* STILL, YOU--

AHH-AHH! STICKS AND STONES, VECTOR! STICKS AND STONES!

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, DUDE!

SO IF THE FIRST TARGET ISN'T EASY, THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER PIGEON!

RIGHT, MIGHTY?

NOT IF YOU CAN'T GET TO ME, VECTOR!

OH YEAH? YOU'RE TALKIN' TO THE MASTER OF SMOOTH MOVES!

SNAP!

YOUR MOVES MAY BE SMOOTH AND SLICK--

--BUT I'LL MATCH MY STRENGTH AGAINST THEM EVERY TIME!

KER-RAACK!

TIM-BEEERRRR!

THAT CRAZY ARMADILLO!

THIS COOL CROC KNOWS WHEN TO HIP-HOP!
KRASH!
OW!
GET OFF OF ME, YOU BIG OAF!
SOMETHING ISN'T COOL HERE!
WHUMP!
I'M HEARING VOICES!
SHADES OF POLTERGEIST CITY!
VECTOR, YOU NUMB-SKULL!
IT'S ME-- ESPIO!
WELL, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HIDING THERE?
I WAS SLEEPING--
--UNTIL I WAS SO RUDELY AWAKENED!
EX-CUUUUUSE ME! HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW?
OH, BY THE WAY--
--"TAG"! YOU'RE IT!
HUH? AWWW, NO!
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THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR NOT PAYING ATTENTION!

COME BACK HERE, VECTOR!

TRRRSCH!

DON'T BE SUCH A--

--JERK?! HELLO! WHO ARE YOU?

YOU MUST BE NEW AROUND HERE! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU BEFORE!

YA GOT THAT RIGHT, MATE!

AND IF I HADN'T BEEN CONCENTRATING ON SOMETHIN' ELSE, YA STILL WOULDN'T EITHER!

G'DAY!

POP!

WELL, I'LL BE--

--A MONKEY'S UNCLE?

I'M NOT SURE! HOWEVER--

YEAH?

"TAG"! YOU'RE IT!

WHAT HAPPENED? WE THOUGHT YOU HURT YOURSELF JUMPING INTO THESE BUSHES!

WHO WAS THAT STRANGER? READ SONIC'S COMIC TO FIND OUT!

--AND THE GAME GOES ON!

SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS

KNUCKLES™

THE HUNT IS ON!

KNUCKLES!! LONG TIME NO SEE, MY MAN!

WHY'RE YOU SO CRANKED?!!

THERE'S NO TIME TO EXPLAIN!!!

GET DOWN!! GET DOWN NOW!!

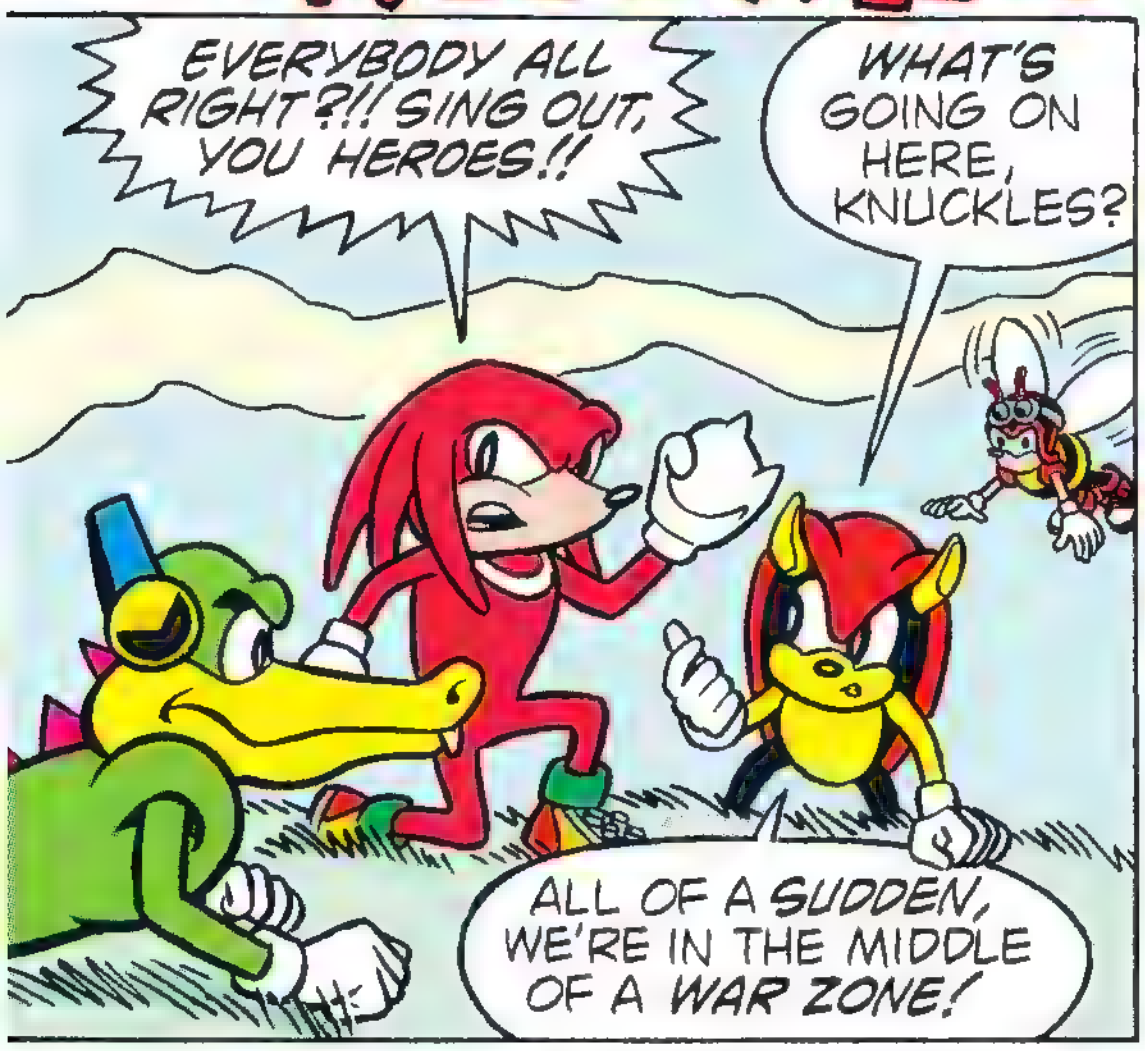
I'VE GOT A BAAAD FEELING, CHARMY!!

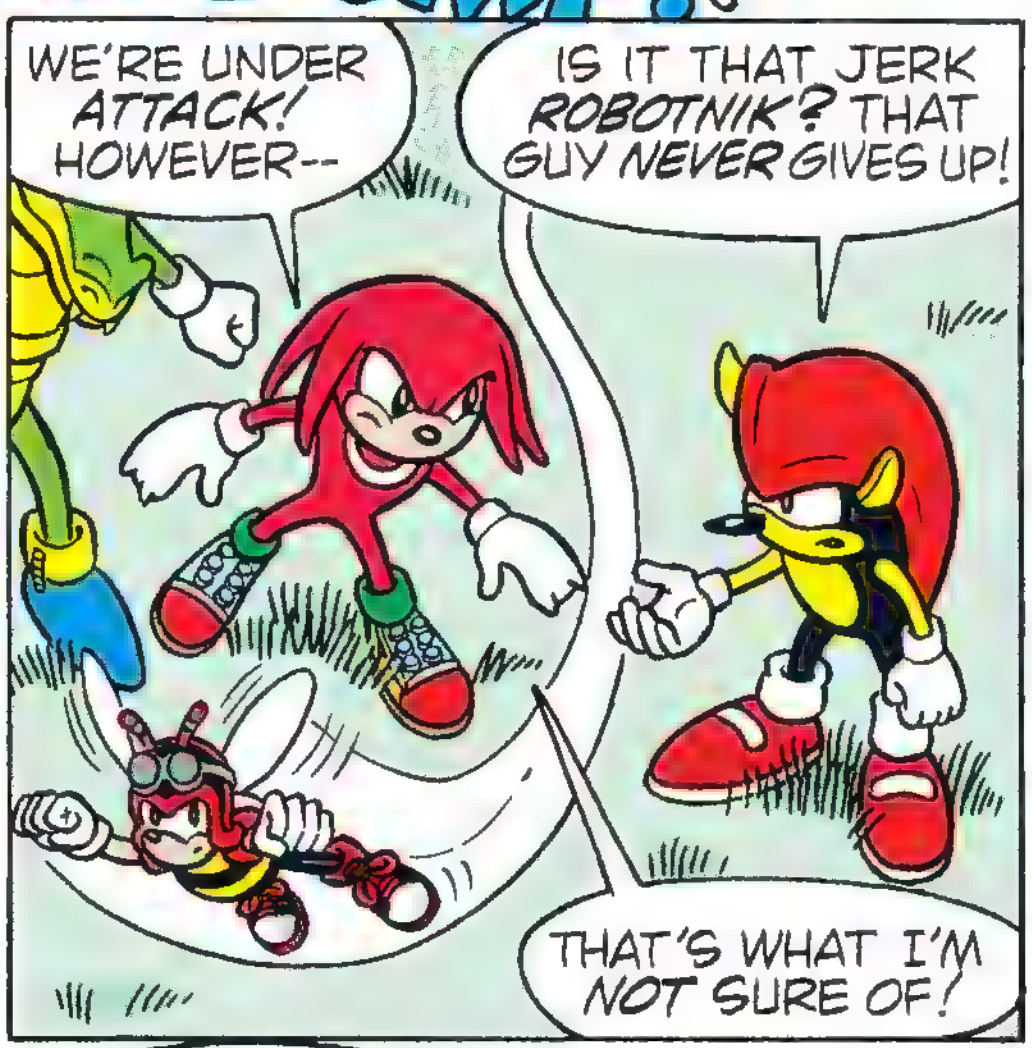
WHEEEEEEEEEEE

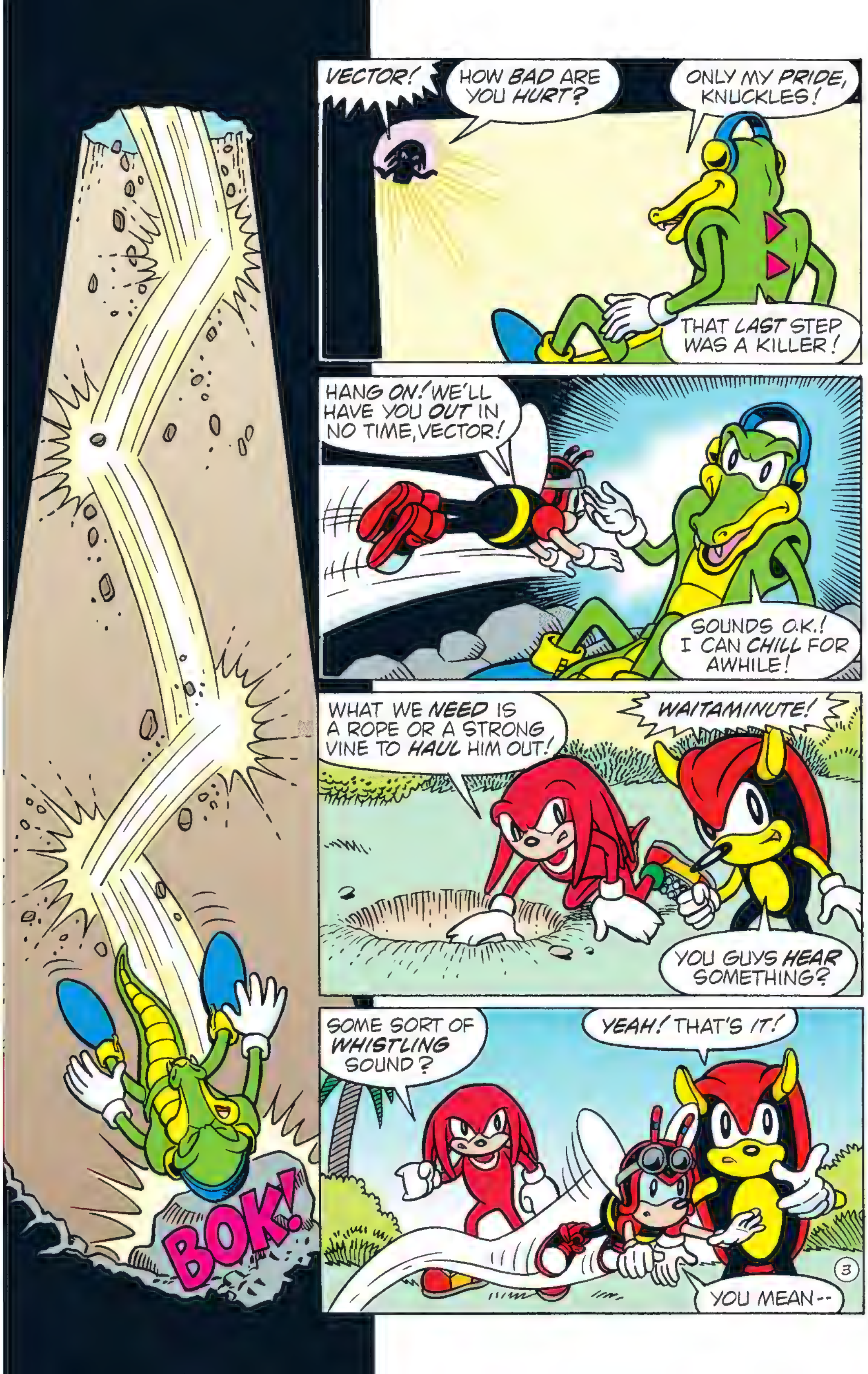
YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, THINGS HAVE REALLY GOTTEN CRAZY AROUND HERE LATELY, MIGHTY!

KA-THOOOM! KA-THOOOM!

WHUMP! BA-DUMP!






BOK!
VECTOR!
HOW BAD ARE YOU HURT?
ONLY MY PRIDE, KNUCKLES!
THAT LAST STEP WAS A KILLER!
HANG ON! WE'LL HAVE YOU OUT IN NO TIME, VECTOR!
SOUNDS O.K.! I CAN CHILL FOR AWHILE!
WHAT WE NEED IS A ROPE OR A STRONG VINE TO HAUL HIM OUT!
WAITAMINUTE!
YOU GUYS HEAR SOMETHING?
SOME SORT OF WHISTLING SOUND?
YEAH! THAT'S IT!
YOU MEAN--
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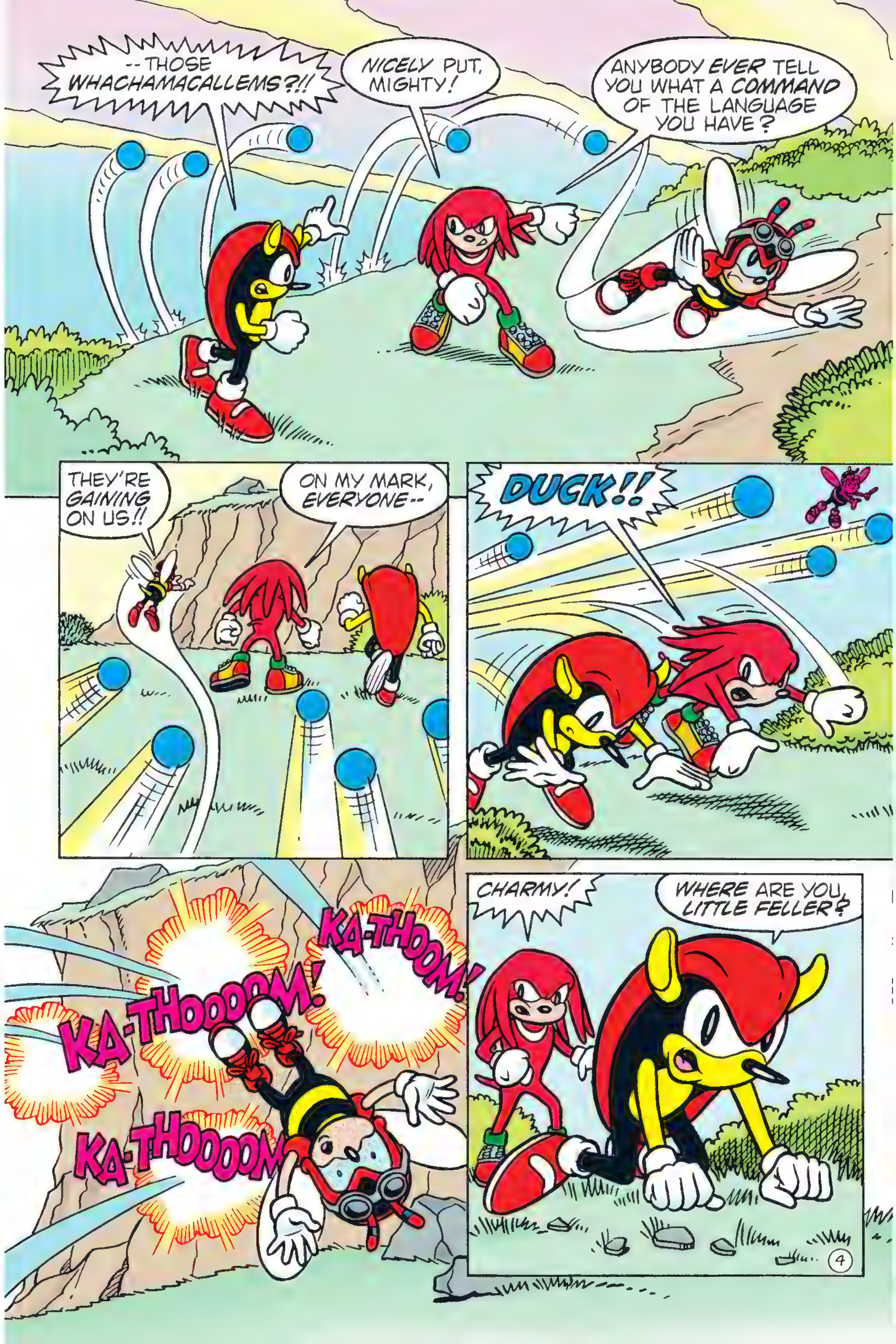
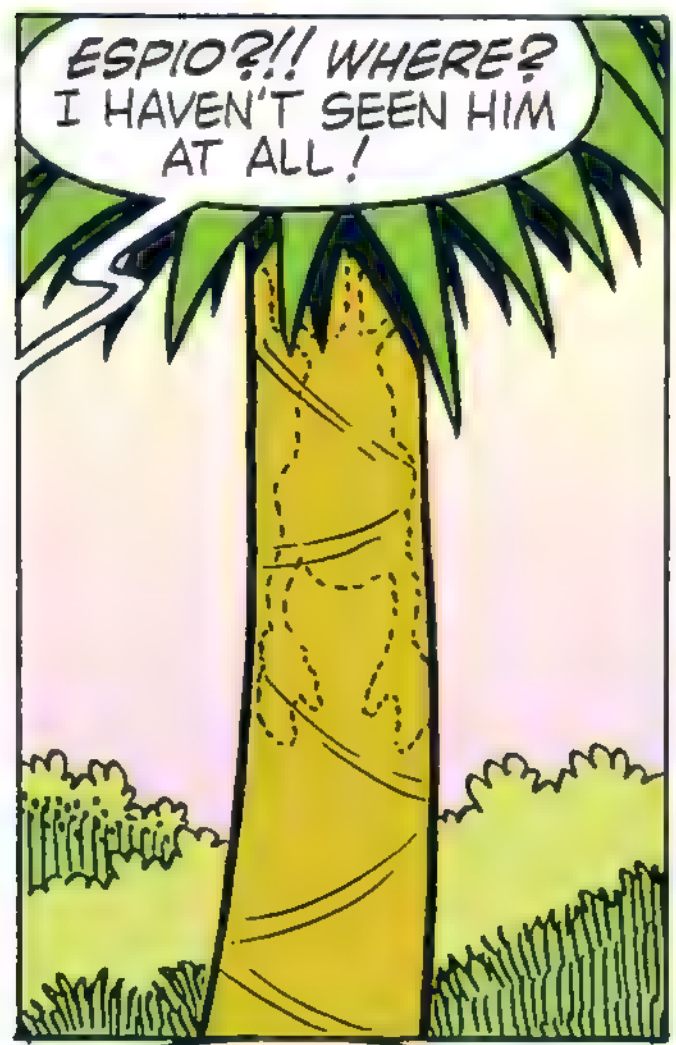
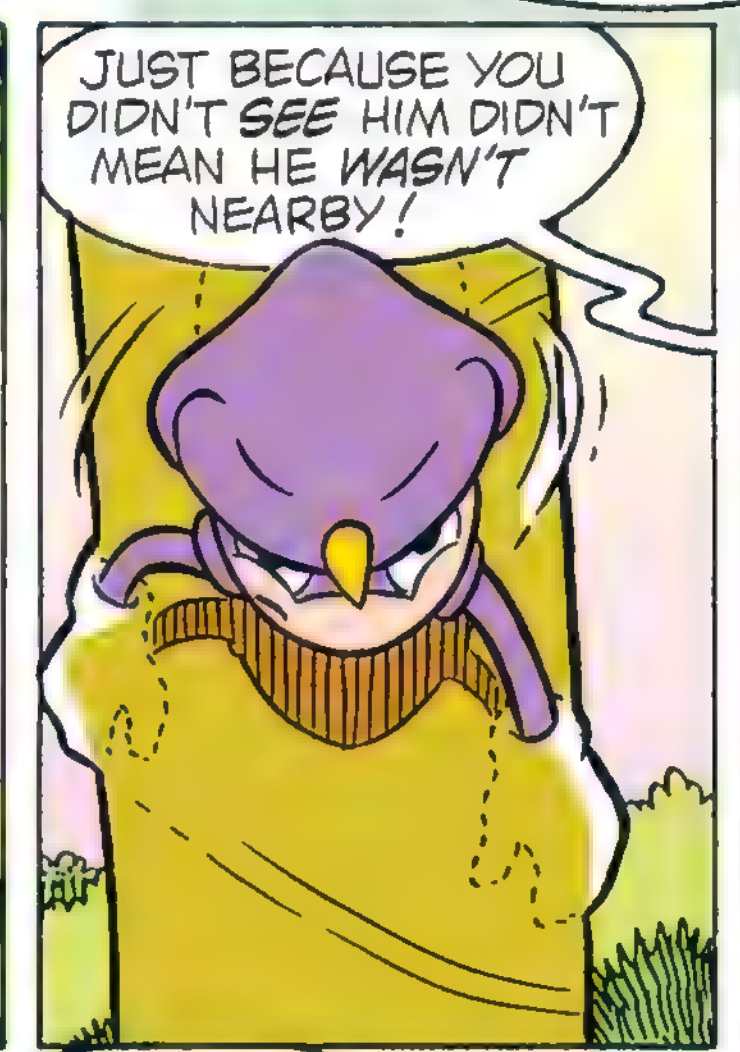
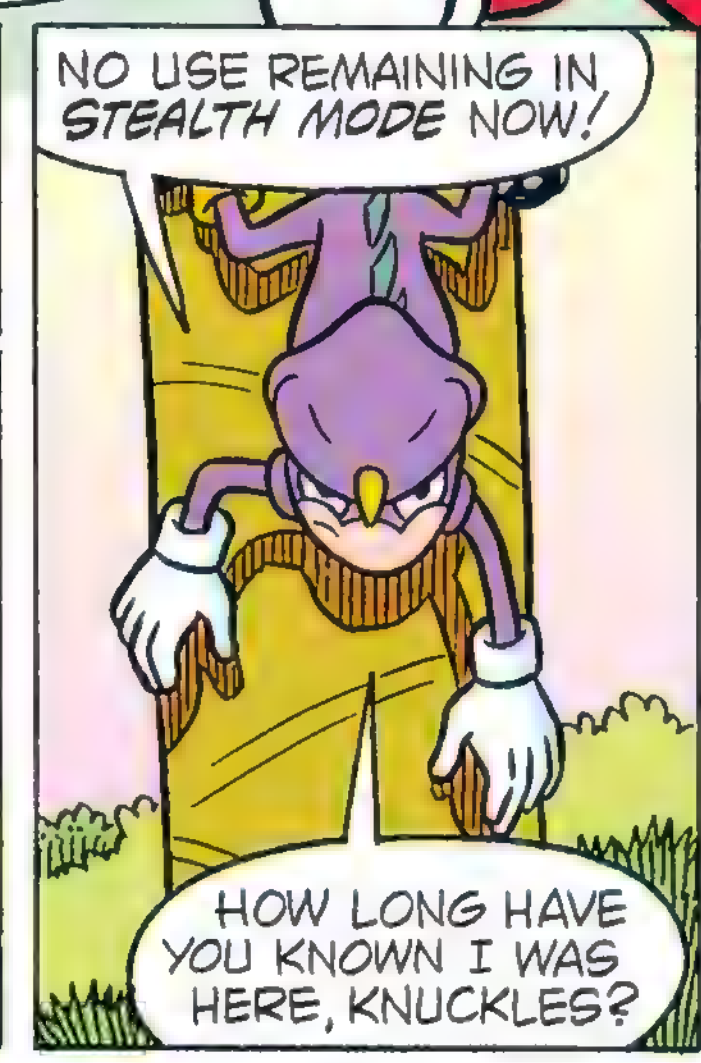

--THOSE WHACHAMACALLEMS?!!
NICELY PUT, MIGHTY!
ANYBODY EVER TELL YOU WHAT A COMMAND OF THE LANGUAGE YOU HAVE?
THEY'RE GAINING ON US!!
ON MY MARK, EVERYONE--
DUCK!!
KA-THOOOOM!
KA-THOOM!
KA-THOOOOM
CHARMY!
WHERE ARE YOU, LITTLE FELLER?
4

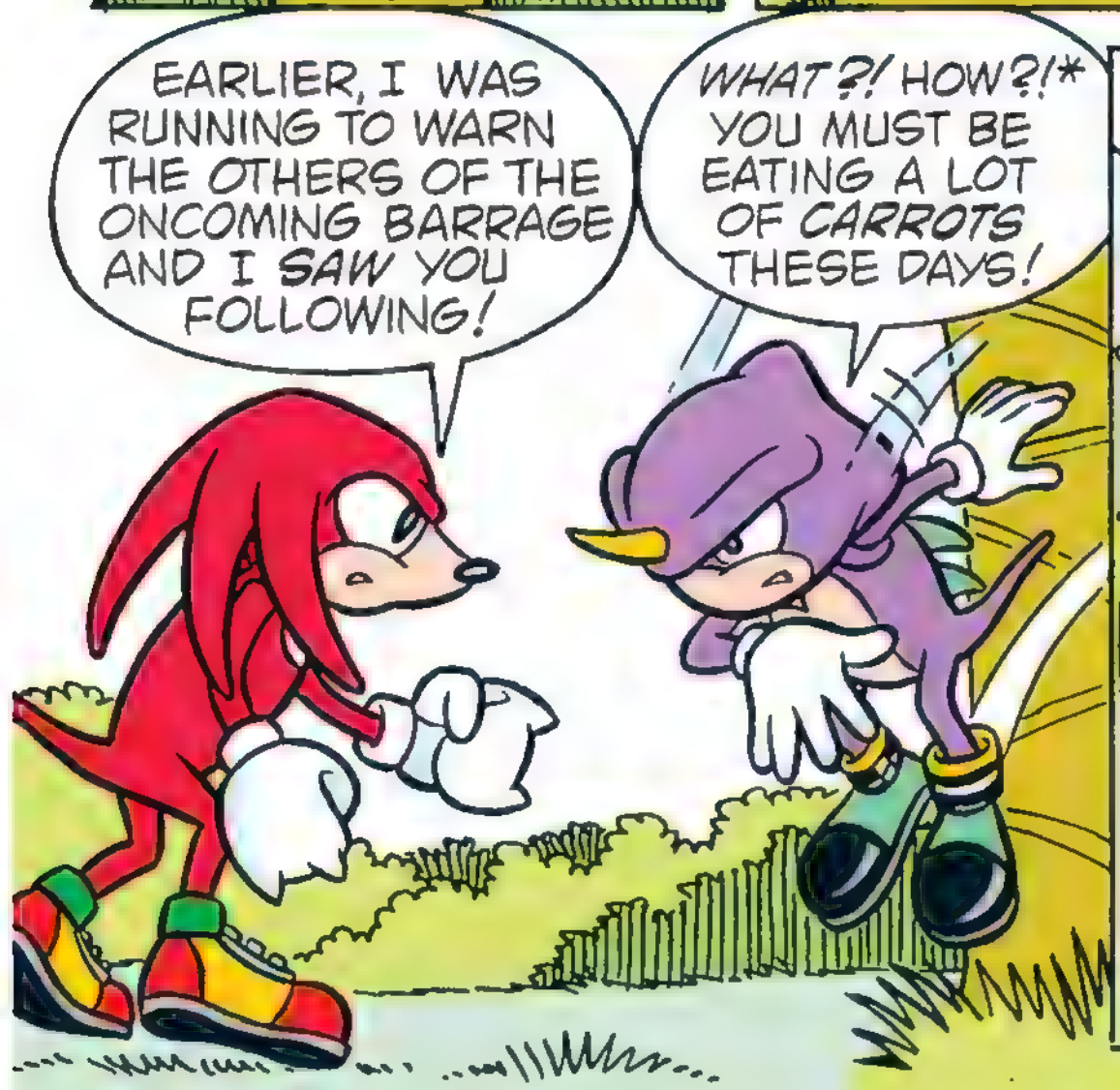
UHHH...
THAT'S HIM!
MAYBE! MAYBE NOT!

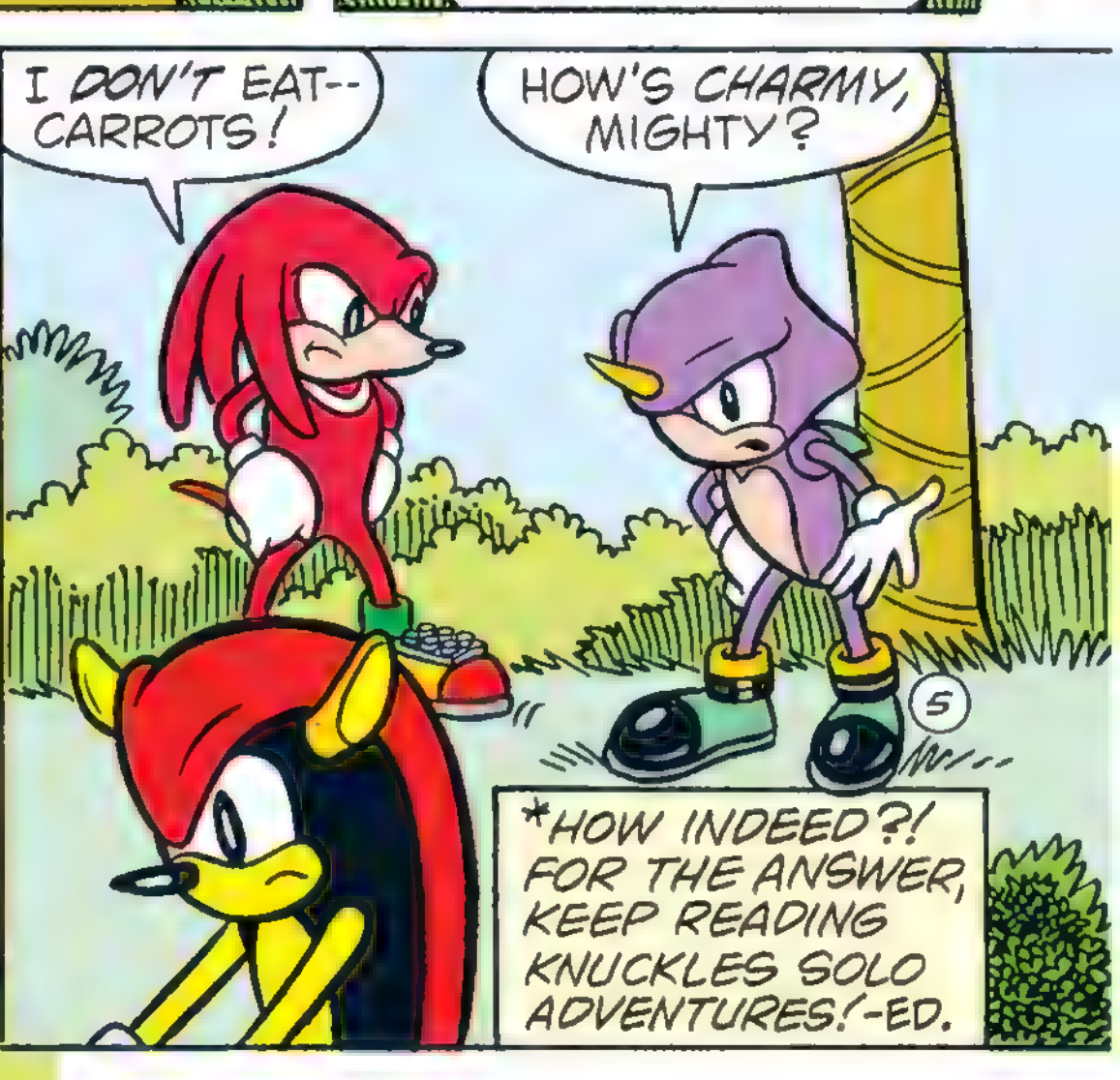
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN? HE'S RIGHT HERE! SEE?
YEAH! BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN ESPIO THE LAST FEW MINUTES EITHER!

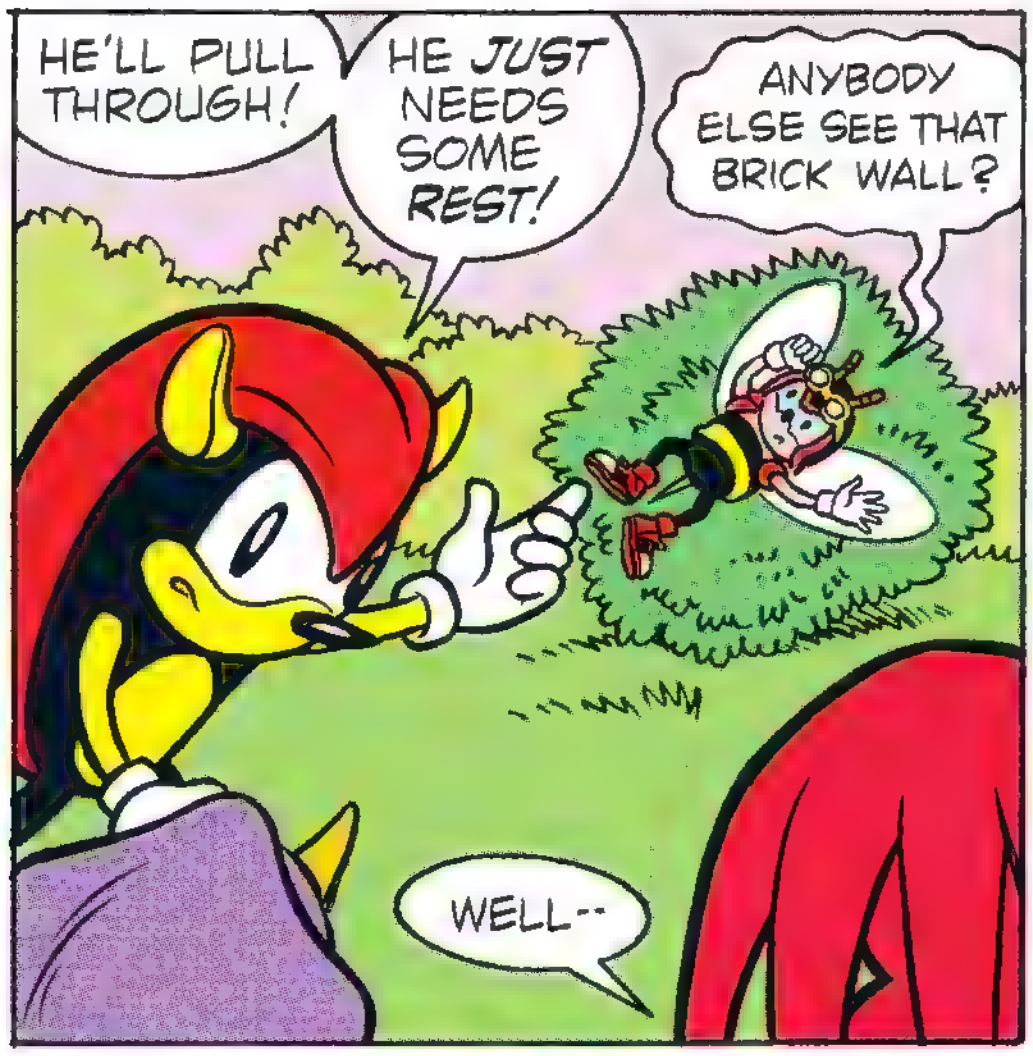

ESPIO?!! WHERE? I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AT ALL!


JUST BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T SEE HIM DIDN'T MEAN HE WASN'T NEARBY!

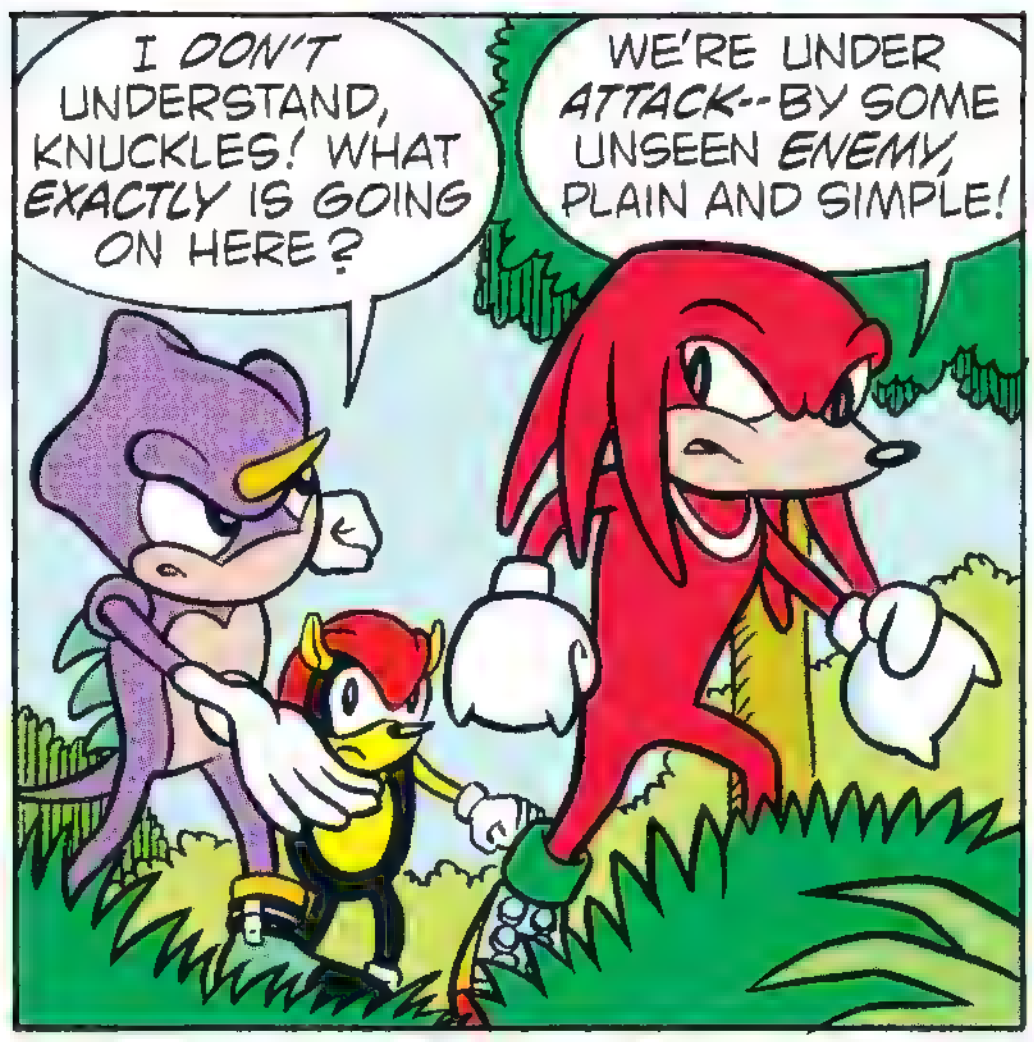

NO USE REMAINING IN STEALTH MODE NOW!
HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN I WAS HERE, KNUCKLES?

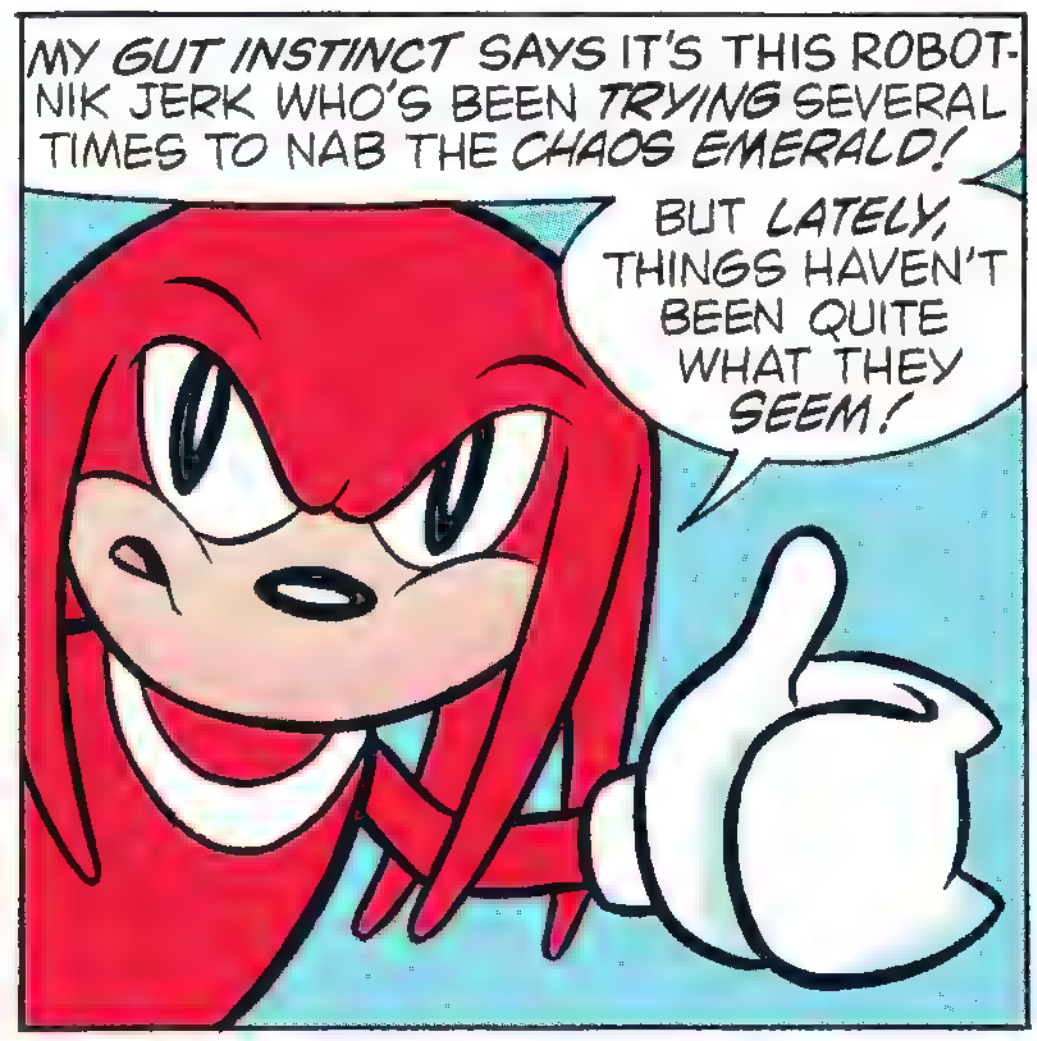

EARLIER, I WAS RUNNING TO WARN THE OTHERS OF THE ONCOMING BARRAGE AND I SAW YOU FOLLOWING!
WHAT?! HOW?!* YOU MUST BE EATING A LOT OF CARROTS THESE DAYS!


I DON'T EAT-- CARROTS!
HOW'S CHARMY, MIGHTY?
*HOW INDEED?! FOR THE ANSWER, KEEP READING KNUCKLES SOLO ADVENTURES!-ED.

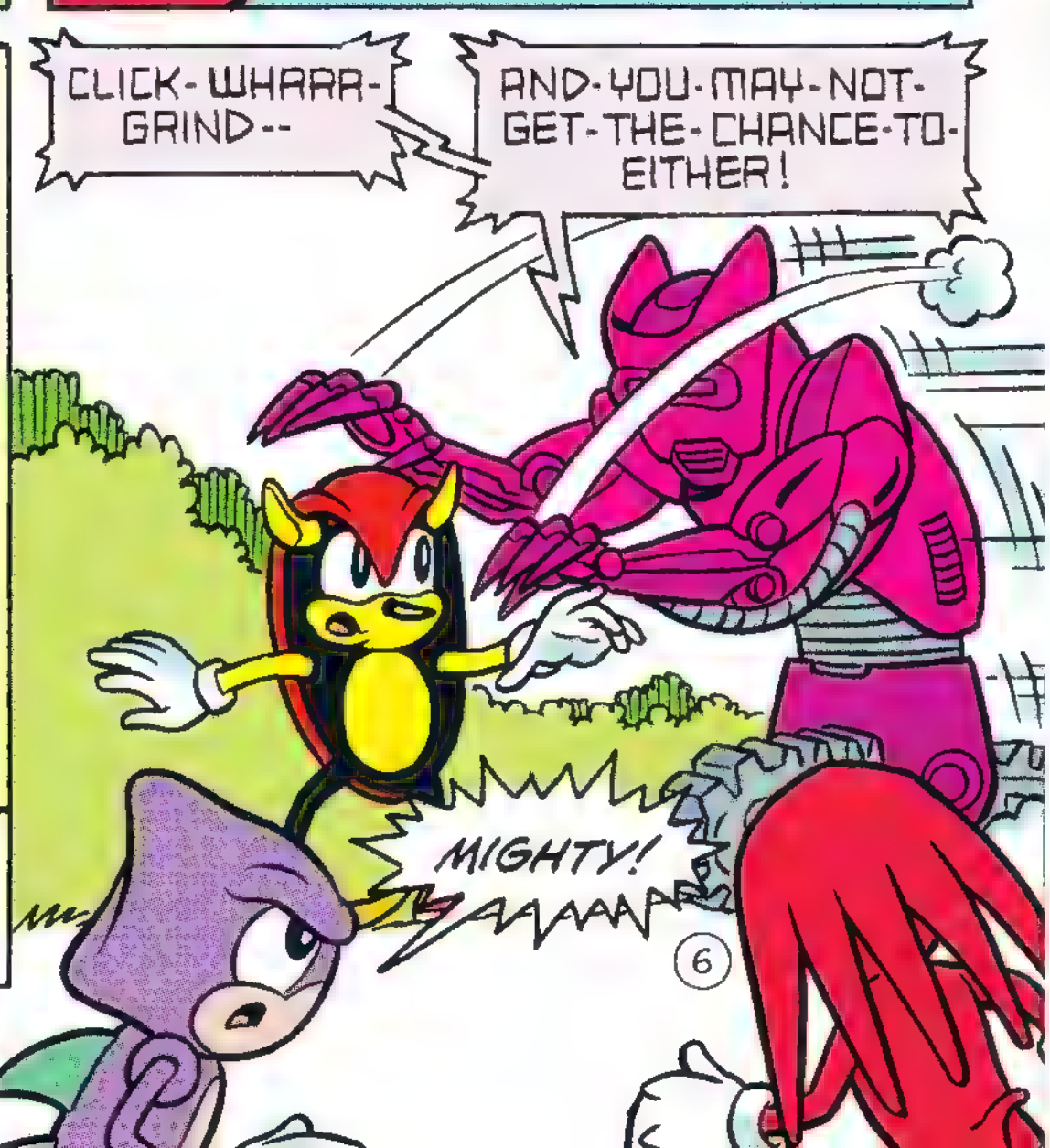

HE'LL PULL THROUGH!
HE JUST NEEDS SOME REST!
ANYBODY ELSE SEE THAT BRICK WALL?
WELL--

MUCH AS I HATE TO, WE'LL JUST LEAVE HIM TO SLEEP IT OFF!
WE'VE GOT BIGGER PROBLEMS ON OUR HANDS RIGHT NOW!


I DON'T UNDERSTAND, KNUCKLES! WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON HERE?
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK--BY SOME UNSEEN ENEMY, PLAIN AND SIMPLE!


MY GUT INSTINCT SAYS IT'S THIS ROBOTNIK JERK WHO'S BEEN TRYING SEVERAL TIMES TO NAB THE CHAOS EMERALD!
BUT LATELY, THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN QUITE WHAT THEY SEEM!

THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HIS ANGLE IS!


CLICK-WHARR-GRIND--
AND-YOU-MAY-NOT-GET-THE-CHANCE-TO-EITHER!
MIGHTY!

FINALLY! AFTER ALL THIS TIME!

A CHALLENGE *WORTHY* OF MY *MATCHLESS* STRENGTH!

KA-BOOM!

YOU-ARE-EITHER-VERY-CONFIDENT OR-VERY-FOOLISH!

WE-SHALL-FIND-OUT-WHICH!

KNUCKLES! SHALL WE--?

NO! LET 'EM *DUKE* IT OUT!

KER-POW!

WHAM!

AS LONG AS WE STAY *STILL* WE'RE *SITTING DUCKS* FOR WHOEVER'S TARGETING *US*!

HOWEVER, IF WE KEEP *GOING*--

I'LL SAY THIS FOR YOU--

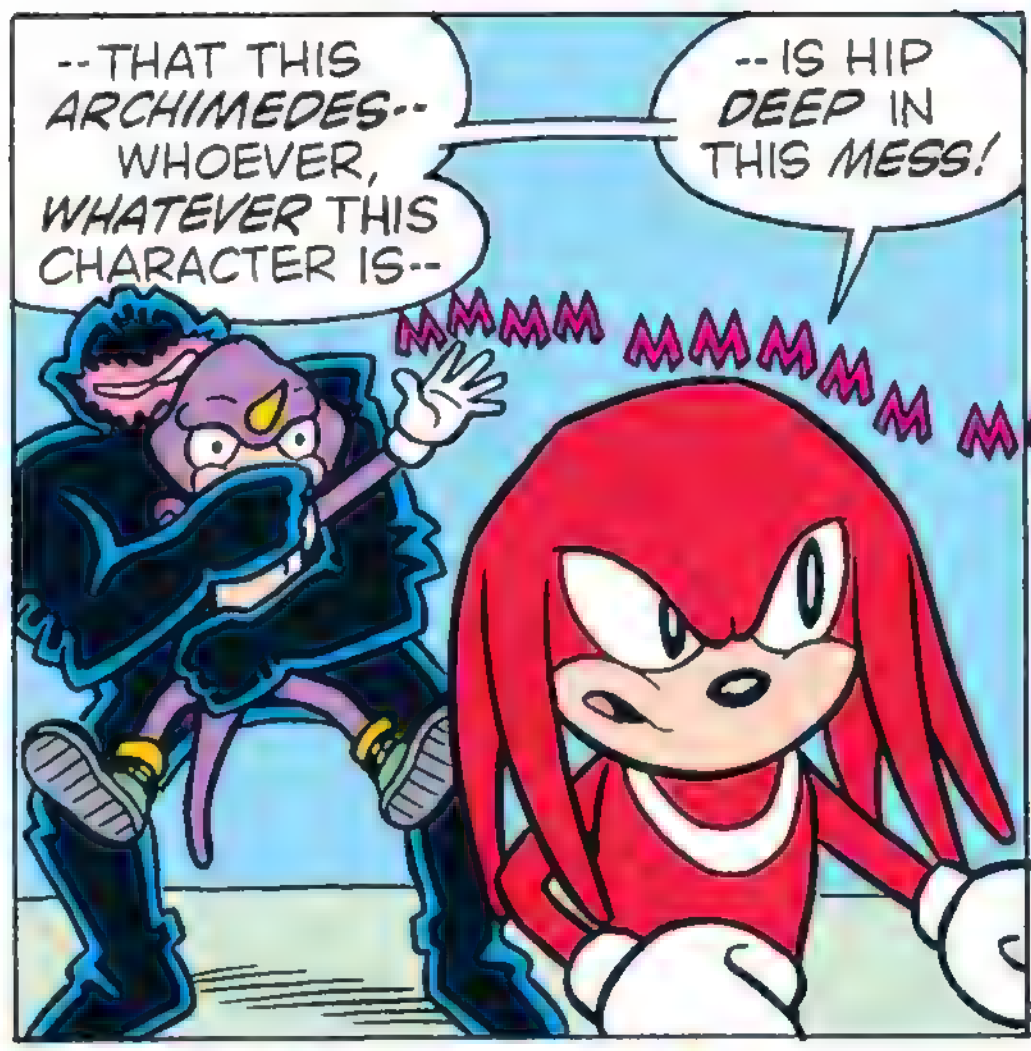
YOU'RE ONE TOUGH SONOFAGUN!

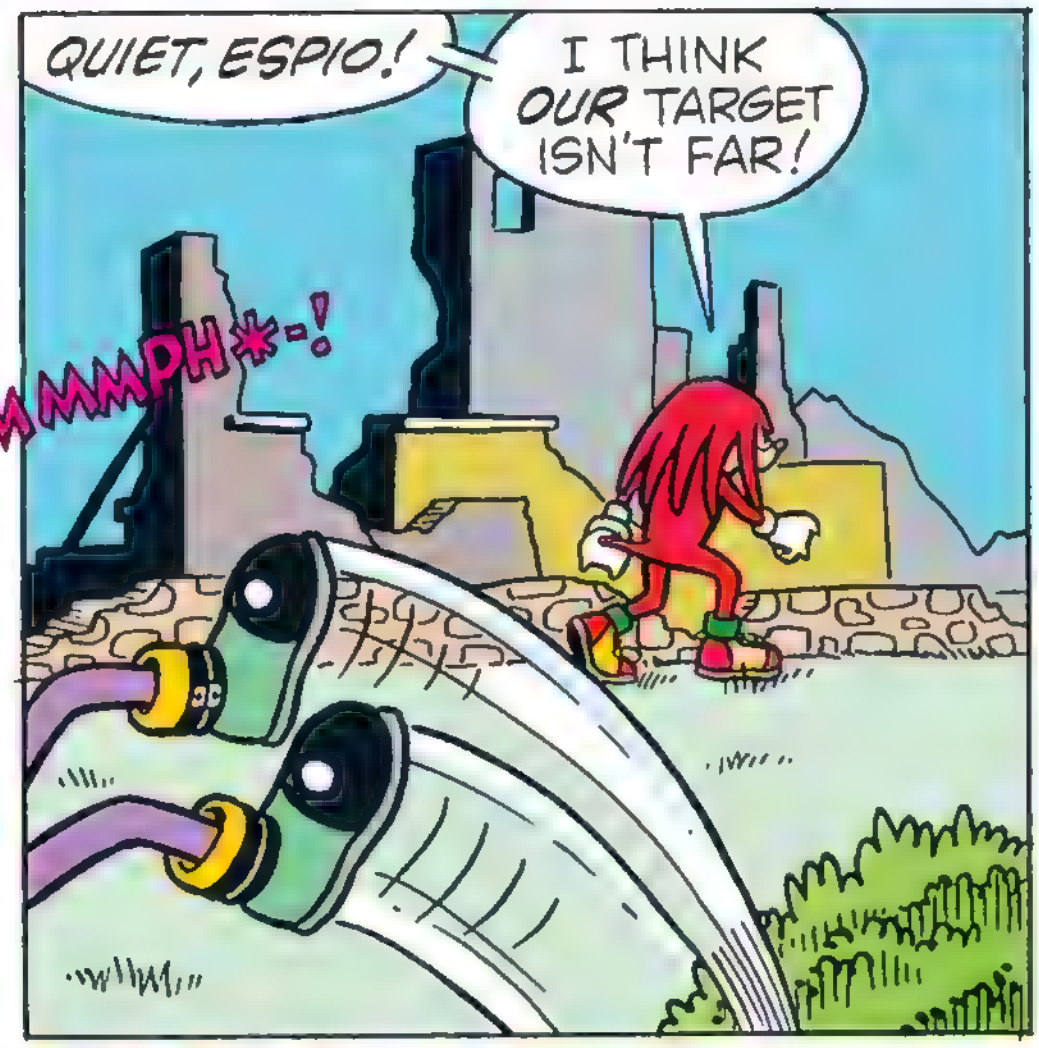
UNGH...

YOU-ARE-NOT-SO-EASY-ON-THE-SERVO-MOTORS-EITHER-Click-Whrrrr--

--WE AT LEAST HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE TO DISCOVER *WHAT'S* GOING ON!

SOMEHOW I JUST KNOW--


--THAT THIS ARCHIMEDES-- WHOEVER, WHATEVER THIS CHARACTER IS--
--IS HIP DEEP IN THIS MESS!
MMMM MMMM M MMMMPH*-!


QUIET, ESPIO!
I THINK OUR TARGET ISN'T FAR!

ESPIO? ESPIO?!!!
THIS IS JUST GREAT!
WHAT AM I GONNA DO NOW?

AH, KNUCKLES! YOU STILL DIDN'T THINK!
WHA--?
YOU COULD'VE GOTTEN THROUGH THIS A WHOLE LOT EASIER IF YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS STUCK TOGETHER!

BUT YOU THOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE WAS MORE IMPORTANT!
I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!
THE QUESTION BEFORE YOU IS--
WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT? YOUR FRIENDS? OR THE THREAT TO THE FLOATING ISLAND?
FACED WITH A CHOICE OF SACRIFICING HIS FRIENDS OR HIS HOMEWORLD, KNUCKLES PONDERS OVER HIS AGONIZING DECISION! THE ANSWER TO THAT AND MANY OTHER QUESTIONS AWAIT YOU IN THE PAGES OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

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KNUCKLES™ THE ECHIDNA!
HERE COMES THE EXPRESS!
NO WAY!
CRASH OF THE TITANS

I'M AFRAID SO... HE'S WALKING ALONG THE OUTER EDGE OF THE *GREAT FOREST!*

BUT HE NEVER LEAVES HIS *FLOATING ISLAND* HOME!

THAT'S WHERE WE TANGLED LAST!*

I MET HIS GREAT GRAND-FATHER!**

*IN SONIC TRIPLE TROUBLE -ED.

**IN THE RECENTLY COMPLETED TAILS MINI-SERIES--*Mini* EDITOR

GRRRR... THAT DREADLOCKER MAKES MY SPINES TINGLE! HE'S UP TO NO GOOD!

I'LL SHOW YOU EXACTLY WHAT HE'S UP TO...

...THE BORDER OF *ROBOTROPOLIS!*

THE RED SKUNK IS GONNA CUT A DEAL WITH ROBOTNIK!

WE DON'T KNOW THAT, SONIC! I WANT YOU TO GO TALK TO HIM...DID YOU HEAR?

TALK!

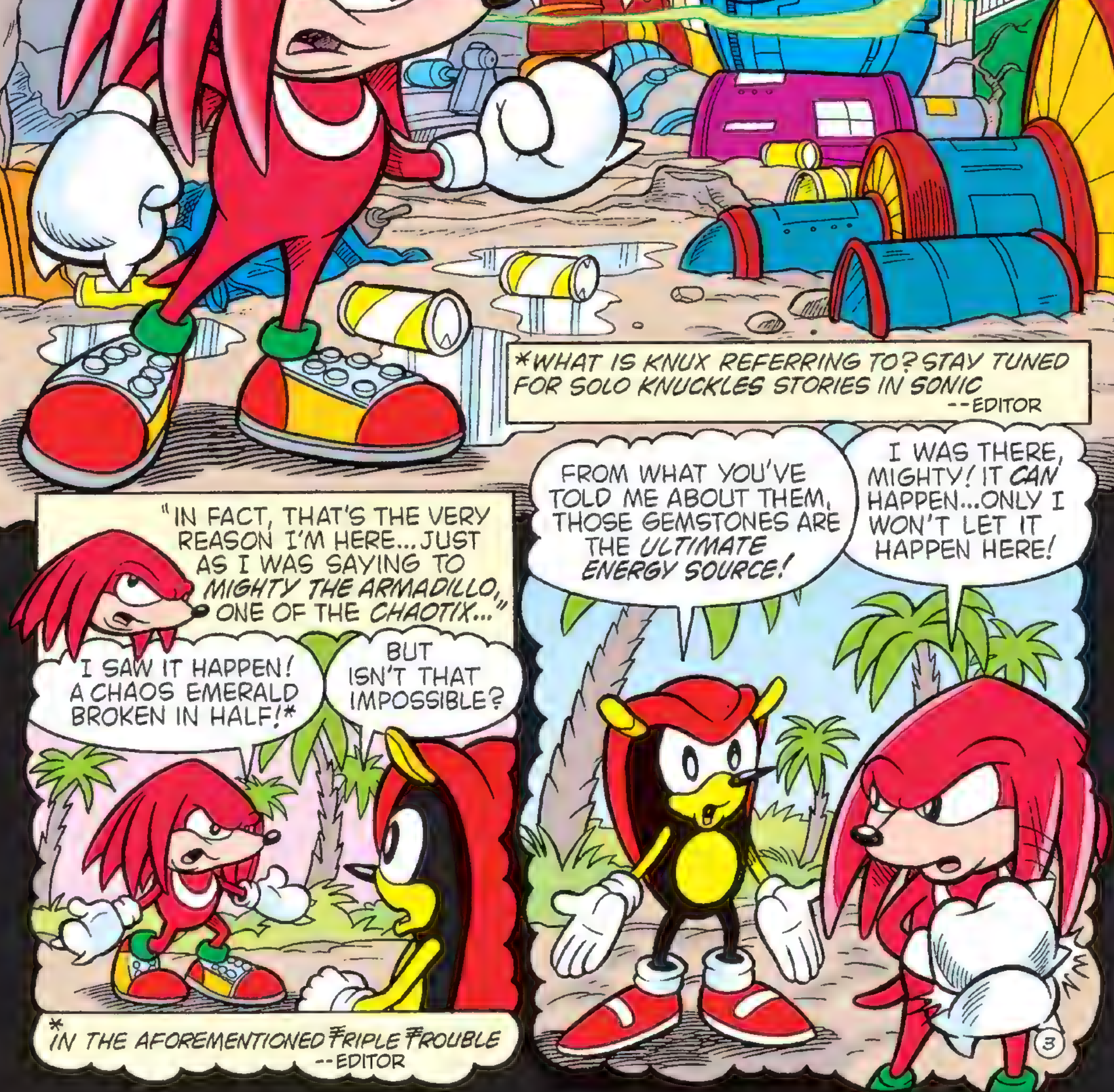
SKREEET...

GOTCHA, SALLY...

MEANWHILE...

PHEW! WHAT A DISGUSTING MESS! THESE LANDLUBBERS ARE LIVING PROOF THAT ECHIDNA SOCIETY WAS RIGHT TO ABANDON TECHNOLOGY AND REVERT TO BEING ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY!*

*WHAT IS KNUX REFERRING TO? STAY TUNED FOR SOLO KNUCKLES STORIES IN SONIC
--EDITOR



LONG AGO, WHEN MY ANCESTORS RAISED THIS FLOATING ISLAND INTO THE SKY *...

...IT WAS POWERED BY A *DOZEN* CHAOS EMERALDS... BUT NOT ANYMORE!

*DESCRIBED BY KNUCKLES' GREAT GRANDFATHER ATHAIR IN ISSUE #3 OF TAILS' MINI-SERIES -ED.

"NOW THERE'S ONLY *ONE* GREEN GEM IN THE CENTRAL CHAMBER -- AND THAT WORRIES ME!"

I'M THE *GUARDIAN* OF THIS ISLAND! IF THAT LAST EMERALD FAILS, IT COULD SPELL DOOM FOR EVERYONE!

HOW WOULD YOU GET ANOTHER ONE?

FLIP!

A GOOD QUESTION... PERHAPS THE ANSWER LIES IN HERE!

=gasp!= *THE BOOK OF MYTHS!**

*MENTIONED BY KNUCKLES BACK IN "TRIPLE TROUBLE SPECIAL -- EDITOR

HERE WE ARE..."*CHAOS EMERALDS* ARE MYSTICALLY LINKED TO THE *MAGIC RINGS* FOUND INSIDE *ZONES!** HOWEVER, LEGENDS SPEAK OF ONE OTHER LOCATION WHERE THEY CAN BE FOUND...

...THE LAKE OF RINGS!

IT IS SAID THE PASTORAL POND CAN SUDDENLY GIVE OFF A GOLDEN GLOW--

--AND A MAGIC RING BREAKS THE SURFACE!

SOME SAY THE RINGS ARE A BY-PRODUCT OF THE EMERALDS... OTHERS SAY IT IS THE OTHER WAY AROUND!

*THE SAME ZONES YOU ENTER WHEN YOU PLAY SEGA'S SONIC VIDEO GAMES--
-EDITOR

LOOK HERE..." THE RING RADIATES COSMIC ENERGY... BUT THE LAKE'S LOCATION IS LOST TO HISTORY!

MAYBE NOT-- THE KEY WORD IS "*RADIATES*"!

YOU KNOW THAT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG BATTLES A VILLAIN CALLED *ROBOTNIK* WHO LIVES IN A *RADIOACTIVE* CITY CALLED *ROBOTROPOLIS*!

SO?

Thmf!

SO, WHAT IF THE SOURCE OF THE RADIATION ISN'T POLLUTION? MAYBE THE *LAKE OF RINGS* IS NEARBY! AND WHERE THERE'S *RINGS*, THERE COULD BE *CHAOS EMERALDS*!!!

I GOTTA KNOW! MIND THE ISLAND FOR ME, MIGHTY!

DON'T WORRY! MY MATCHLESS STRENGTH WILL KEEP IT SAFE!

--AND WITH THAT, I TOOK OFF... GLIDING DOWN HERE ON MY DREADLOCKS!

BUT I DON'T SEE ANY MYSTICAL LAKE...

...JUST THIS LITTLE GROTTY GROTTO ON THE EDGE OF ROBOTROPOLIS...

HELLO-- WHAT'S THAT?

HMM... SOMEBODY THOUGHT THIS PUDDLE WAS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO MONITOR!

ALTHOUGH THIS EQUIPMENT IS LONG PAST USELESS!

HOW'S THIS FOR A ONCE OVER?

WELL, LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING! MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE THIS POND THE ONCE OVER!

AHEM...

OOOOMPF!

SWOT!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA in CRASH OF THE TITANS
PART II
SO...YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR A BRAWL, EH?
FLIP!
I'D LOVE TO, BUT FIRST, I'M REQUIRED TO READ THIS...
"I, PRINCESS SALLY--BLA-BLA-BLA-" LEGAL DEPARTMENT REQUIRES--YAK-YAK-"OFFER YOU NON-VIOLENT DISCUSSION --ON AND ON..."
HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR LEGAL DEPARTMENT!
WHOP!
snarl...
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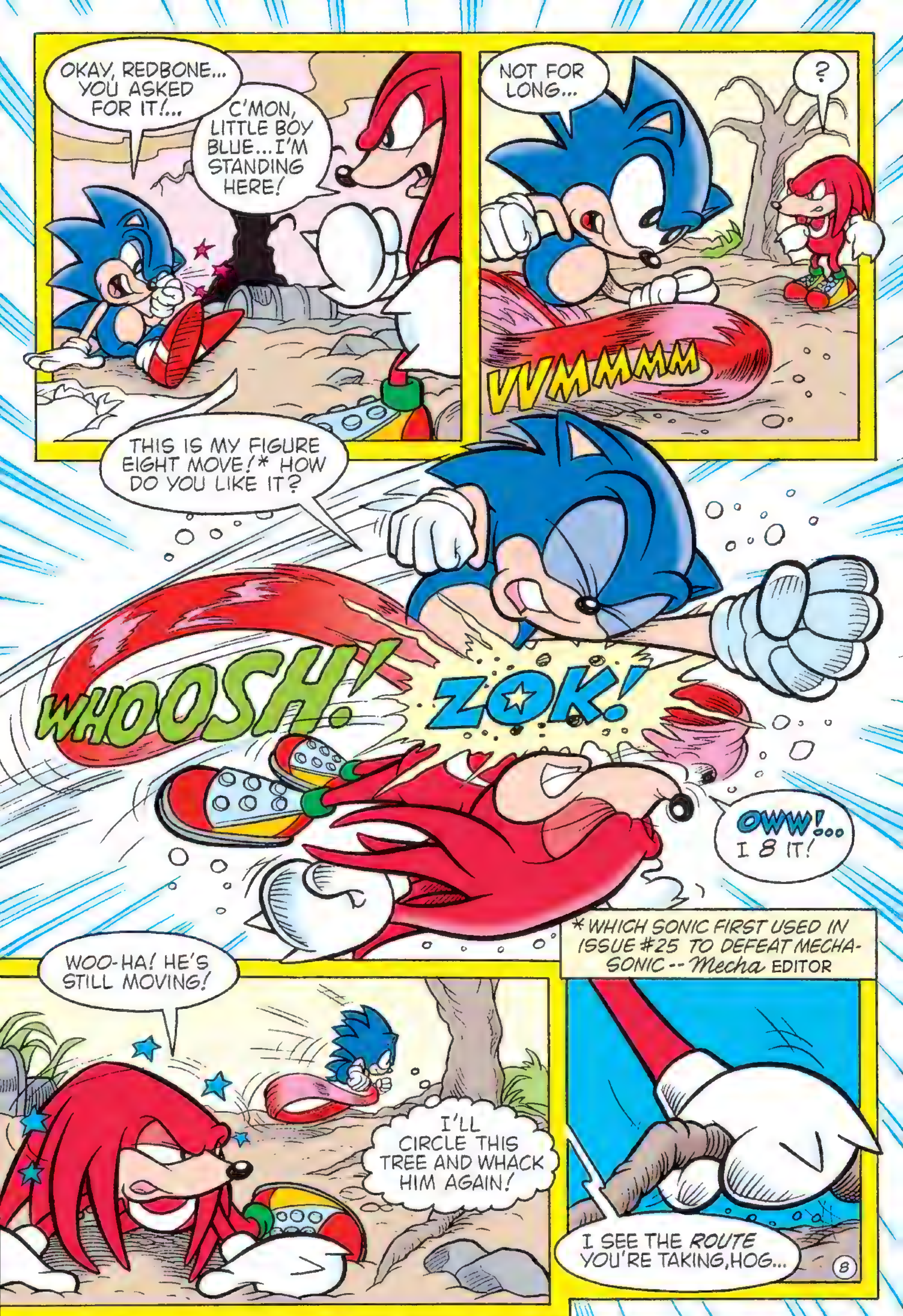
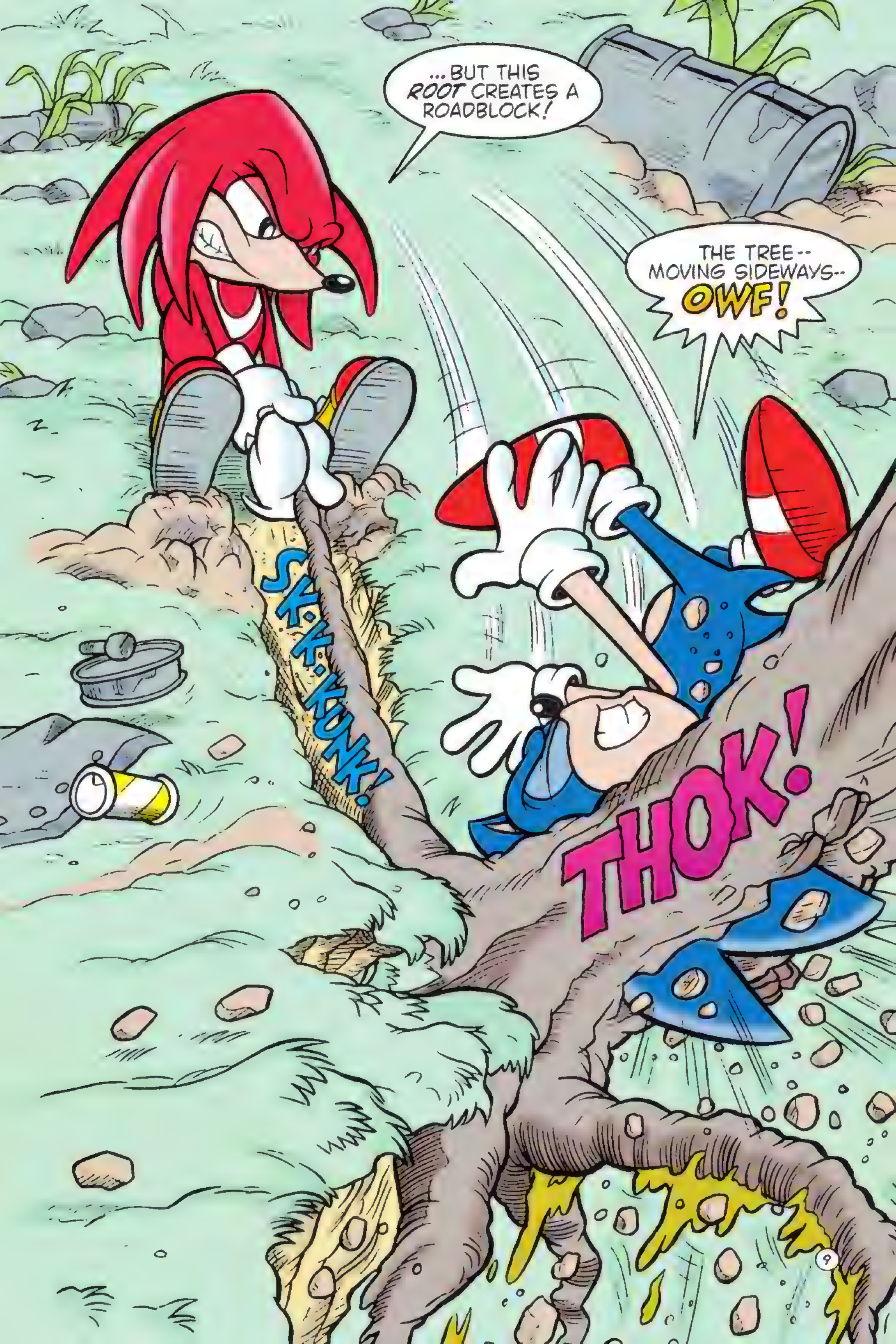

OKAY, REDBONE... YOU ASKED FOR IT!...
C'MON, LITTLE BOY BLUE...I'M STANDING HERE!
NOT FOR LONG...
?
VVMMMM
THIS IS MY FIGURE EIGHT MOVE!* HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?
WHOOSH!
ZOK!
OWW!... I 8 IT!
* WHICH SONIC FIRST USED IN ISSUE #25 TO DEFEAT MECHA-SONIC -- Mecha EDITOR
WOO-HA! HE'S STILL MOVING!
I'LL CIRCLE THIS TREE AND WHACK HIM AGAIN!
I SEE THE ROUTE YOU'RE TAKING, HOG...


...BUT THIS ROOT CREATES A ROADBLOCK!
THE TREE-- MOVING SIDEWAYS-- OWF!
SKKUNK!
THOK!

STUCK IN THE TREE? I ALWAYS SAID YOU WERE A LITTLE SAP!
MMMMF! AW, PUT A SOCK IN IT, KNUCKLES!
YOU PUT A SOCK IN IT! I VISIT A PUBLIC PLACE AND YOU AMBUSH ME!
NNNGH!
BY YANKING THE TREE BY THE ROOTS, HE LOOSENED IT...
TIMBER!
WHUMP!
AGH!!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE --BOTH OF YOU!

SALLY?
:gasp: PRINCESS SALLY ACORN?
YES, WHEN THE LANDSCAPE STARTS TO SUFFER, I STEP IN! EVERYBODY CALM DOWN!
YEAH, WELL YOU SAW HIM--
HE BLIND-SIDED ME!
SNEAK!
CHEAT!
PUNK!
DORK!
ALL RIGHT, ALREADY--Shhh! MY PORTABLE COMPUTER NICOLE IS DETECTING SOME SERIOUS RADIATION!
IT'S COMING FROM THE HOLE IN THE GROUND WHERE THE TREE WAS!
HMM...
?
DON'T BE SHY, BOYS!
TAKE A LOOK DOWN HERE!
grumble...
:snort:

SONIC & KNUCKLES... in CRASH OF THE TITANS

PART III

CHECK IT OUT... IT'S A GATEWAY TO AN UNKNOWN ZONE!*

MAJOR!

LOOK AT IT... SWIMMING WITH *MAGIC RINGS* AND *CHAOS EMERALDS!*

** THE SAME TYPE OF ACTION ZONES FOUND IN ALL SONIC GAMES--EDITOR*

KNUCKLES-- WAIT!

SORRY, SALLY-- I'M GOING FOR IT!

HEY! YOU ROTTEN--

:groan: GO AFTER HIM, SONIC! :sigh: HE HASN'T CHANGED SINCE WE USED TO SPEND SUMMERS TOGETHER!
YES MA'AM YOUR MAJES--
HUH?
PARDON ME...DID YOU JUST SAY SOMETHING ABOUT SPENDING TIME WITH KNUCKLES?
HMM?
SONIC, I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT'S YOUR CONCERN!
WELL, I JUST-- ahem! I MEAN...Y'KNOW-- :ulp: YOU AND ME...
GET ON HIS TRAIL, MISTER! THAT'S AN ORDER!
oop! YES'M!
:chuckle: HE CARES!
:chuckle: SHE CARES!

GIVE IT UP, KNUCKLEBRAIN! YOU GOT A HEAD START, BUT I'M FASTER THAN YOU!
BLOW IT OUT YOUR SNEAKERS, YOU BLUE BOZO!!! I'M PICKING THIS JOINT CLEAN!

THAT ECHIDNA IS PERSISTENT! LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOTTA USE EXTREME MEASURES!

COME TO POPPA!

IT'S THE ONLY WAY...

GERONIMO!

AS KNUX SAID, THIS ZONE'S RICH IN RINGS AND EMERALDS...

...BY JUICIN' TO TOP SPEED AND RUNNING OVER HIM, I'LL HIT THE MAGIC NUMBERS--

VA VA VROOM D-BUMP!

WHOOAF!

...AND THOSE NUMBERS ARE: *FIFTY MAGIC RINGS* -- AND-- *SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS...*

:grumble:

...CHANGING ME INTO...

SUPER SONIC!

gulp!

CRACKLE

*IT HAPPENED ONCE BEFORE...IN STH #4 - EDITOR

SEVEN AND FIFTY, EH? OKAY-- I GOT ENOUGH EMERALDS... I'M FOUR RINGS SHORT!

OKAY, *LITTLE GUY*, THE GIG'S UP!

YOUR UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER WILL BE--

HEY!

MAKE THAT--

THREE...

TWO...

ONE...

BINGO!

STEP ASIDE, SUCKER! MAKE WAY FOR--

ZZZROOW!

HYPER KNUCKLES™!

IMPOSTER! COPYCAT!

YOUR POWERS CAN'T COMPARE TO MINE!

YOU TALK TOO MUCH, SUPERHOG!

SO I'M GONNA SUPERSHUT YOU UP ONCE AND FOR ALL!
FWHAM!
GNYAAA...

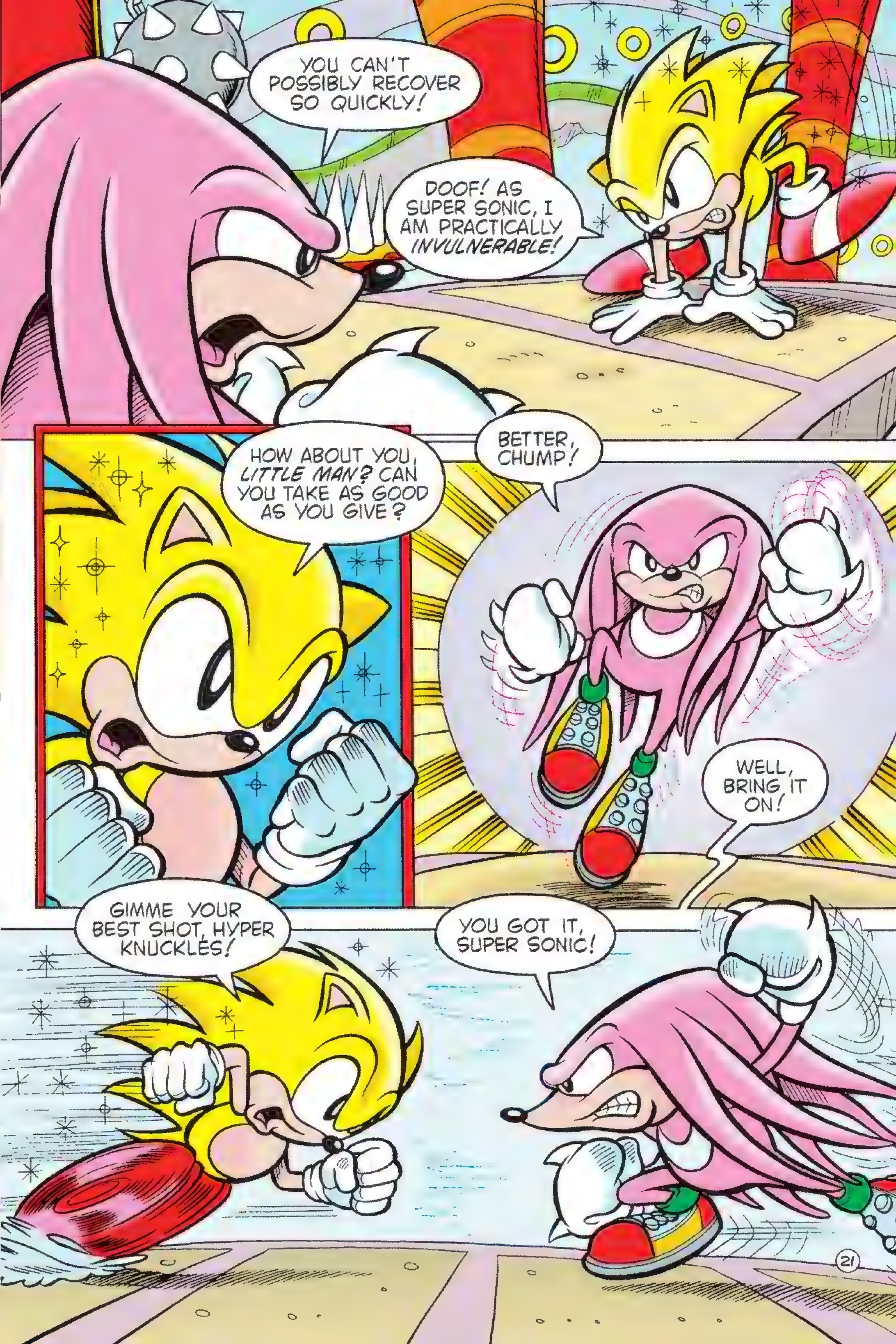
NOT BAD, *HYPER KNUCKLES!* YOUR STRENGTH HAS INCREASED A THOUSANDFOLD--

WHAPITA-
WHAPITA-
WHAPITA-
WHAPITA
POP! POP! POP! BIF! BAM!

ZOOM...

-- BUT THAT MEANS *SUPER SONIC* IS A THOUSAND TIMES FASTER THAN BEFORE-- PERHAPS YOU'VE NOTICED ?!

BAH! I'M GONNA CUT A PIECE OUT OF THE ZONE ITSELF!
Slice!
HA! FOR WHAT?
ALL THE BETTER TO SMACK YOU WITH, SUPER SONIC!
SSSSSSWOOT!
...schlik...
mff!


YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY RECOVER SO QUICKLY!
DOOF! AS SUPER SONIC, I AM PRACTICALLY *INVULNERABLE!*
HOW ABOUT YOU, *LITTLE MAN?* CAN YOU TAKE AS GOOD AS YOU GIVE?
BETTER, CHUMP!
WELL, BRING IT ON!
GIMME YOUR BEST SHOT, HYPER KNUCKLES!
YOU GOT IT, SUPER SONIC!

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BAH! IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT? GET AWAY FROM ME WITH THAT *SUPER SPIN DASH!*

SHRING!

YOU CAN'T STOP ME THAT EASILY!

WZZZZ...

YOU'RE COMING IN COUNTER-CLOCK-WISE... THAT'S UNWISE!

ZWWW..

AAGH! HE REVERSED ME!

ZANG!

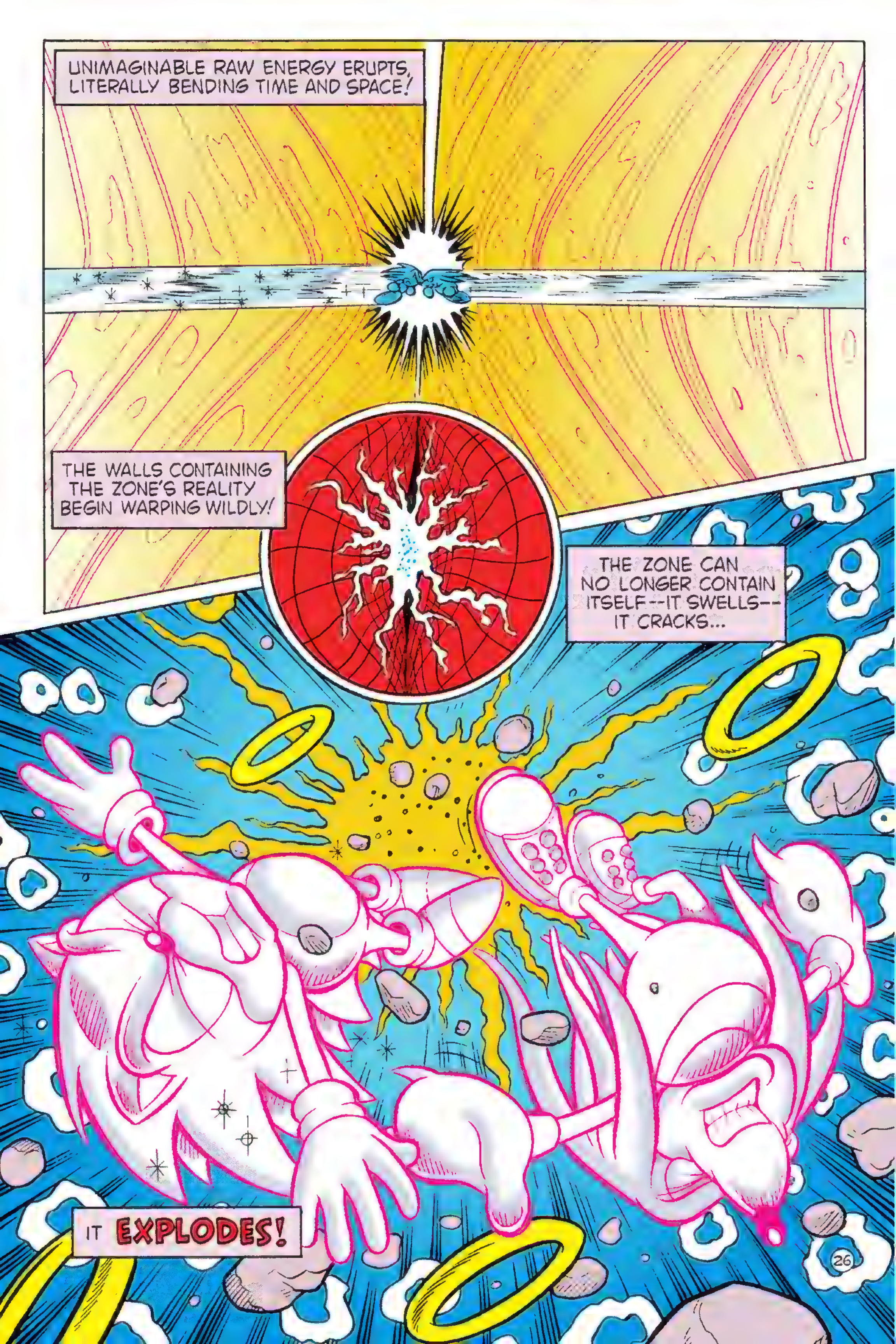
BUT I CAN USE THE BACKWARD MOMENTUM TO ACHIEVE A SUPER FIGURE EIGHT!

WHURG!

BUKA!

WOWM...

AND I CAN USE MY WHIRLING FISTS LIKE WHEELS... AND MY FEET LIKE *FEET!*
KLOP!
WFFF!
THAT DID IT! I'M OVER THE EDGE!!!
I'M ALREADY THERE! LET'S RUMBLE!
THE TWO COMBATANTS HURTLE TOWARD EACH OTHER AT INCALCULABLE SPEED...


UNIMAGINABLE RAW ENERGY ERUPTS, LITERALLY BENDING TIME AND SPACE!
THE WALLS CONTAINING THE ZONE'S REALITY BEGIN WARPING WILDLY!
THE ZONE CAN NO LONGER CONTAIN ITSELF--IT SWELLS--IT CRACKS...
IT EXPLODES!

NEARBY...

MY LORD OF LARD... IT IS AN EARTHQUAKE!

NO, IT'S SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT... OBSERVE!

ENERGY OUTPUT READINGS ARE OFF THE SCALE! DISPERSION OF CONTENTS IRRETRIEVABLE!

THIS IS TERRIBLE!

YOU MEAN BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL LOSS OF MAGIC RINGS AND CHAOS EMERALDS?

NO, I MEAN BECAUSE THIS IS A 48-PAGE SPECIAL, AND ALL I GET IS A ONE-PAGE CAMEO! SOMEONE IS GOING TO PAY DEARLY FOR THIS!

CRUNKLE!

GET MY AGENT ON THE PHONE!

NOT FAR AWAY...

WOO-HA! ANYBODY GET THE NUMBER ON THAT COSMIC BUS?

EASY, SONIC...

HUH?.. WHO-- SALLY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN THE ZONE?

THANKS TO YOU, THAT ZONE'S BEEN OBLITERATED!

THERE'S NO TRACE OF IT--

--NO EMERALDS--

--NO RINGS--

NOTHING! ZERO! NADA! ZIP!

YOU WERE BLOWN FREE AND LANDED HERE... BACK TO *NORMAL!*

I DON'T FEEL NORMAL... AND WHERE'S "HERE?"

RIGHT NEXT TO THE *LAKE OF RINGS*...

...WHERE *SOME* PEOPLE THINK OUR MONITOR ISN'T WORKING!

THAT'S A GREAT CAMOUFLAGE JOB!

wink!

SO YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED?

YES--FROM KNOTHOLE CONTROL!

AFTER YOU GUYS ENTERED THE ZONE, I REJOINED TAILS WHO WAS MONITORING YOUR PROGRESS! SUDDENLY, WE SAW IT BLOWN TO BITS!

"WE WATCHED AS THE VERY FABRIC OF REALITY TORE APART, EJECTING YOU TWO MANIACS!

"*YOU* LANDED RIGHT NEXT TO THE LAKE WHERE IT ALL STARTED! I GOT ON MY SKY-CYCLE AND FLEW HERE A.S.A.P.!

I APPRECIATE THAT, SALLY! SAY--WHAT ABOUT--

C'MON...BETTER GET BACK BEFORE ROBOTNIK COMES SNOOPING!

OKAY...:ahem: I WAS WONDERING IF YOU--

KNUCKLES WENT FLYING IN ANOTHER DIRECTION, OKAY? NEVER MIND OUR PAST!* JUST *DROP IT!*

OH YEAH... HIM! NO, I WAS WONDERING IF WE HAD ANY CHILI DOGS?

OH... SORRY...

*I'LL BET *YOU* WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS TANTALIZING TIDBIT! WRITE "SONIC-GRAMS". ED.

THE END?

ALMOST...

SOME TIME LATER...

WELL, WELL... LOOK WHO'S HOME!

WHAT'S NEW, MIGHTY?

YOU ARE, RAD RED! HYPER-KNUCKLES' BATTLE WITH SUPER SONIC IS THE TALK OF THE ISLAND!

OH REALLY?

YEAH! THEY SAY YOU TORE EACH OTHER UP! THEY SAY THE ZONE COLLAPSED, TAKING ALL THE RINGS AND EMERALDS WITH IT!

IS THAT WHAT "THEY" SAY?

WELL I SAY SOMETHING DIFFERENT...

...LIKE "*MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!*"

FULL SPEED AHEAD, KNUX-- YOU'VE GOT THE *GREEN LIGHT!*

BUT WILL THE ECHIDNA'S QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE END THERE? OR MIGHT THIS BE A PRELUDE TO ANOTHER MIND-BOGGLING ADVENTURE? STAY TUNED...

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...AND SOME DAY SOON, MY SON, IT'LL FALL ONTO *YOUR* SHOULDERS--

--THE *MANTLE* OF *GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND*--

--AND YOU *ALONE* WILL BE *RESPONSIBLE* FOR *ALL* THAT LIES AROUND YOU!

WOW!

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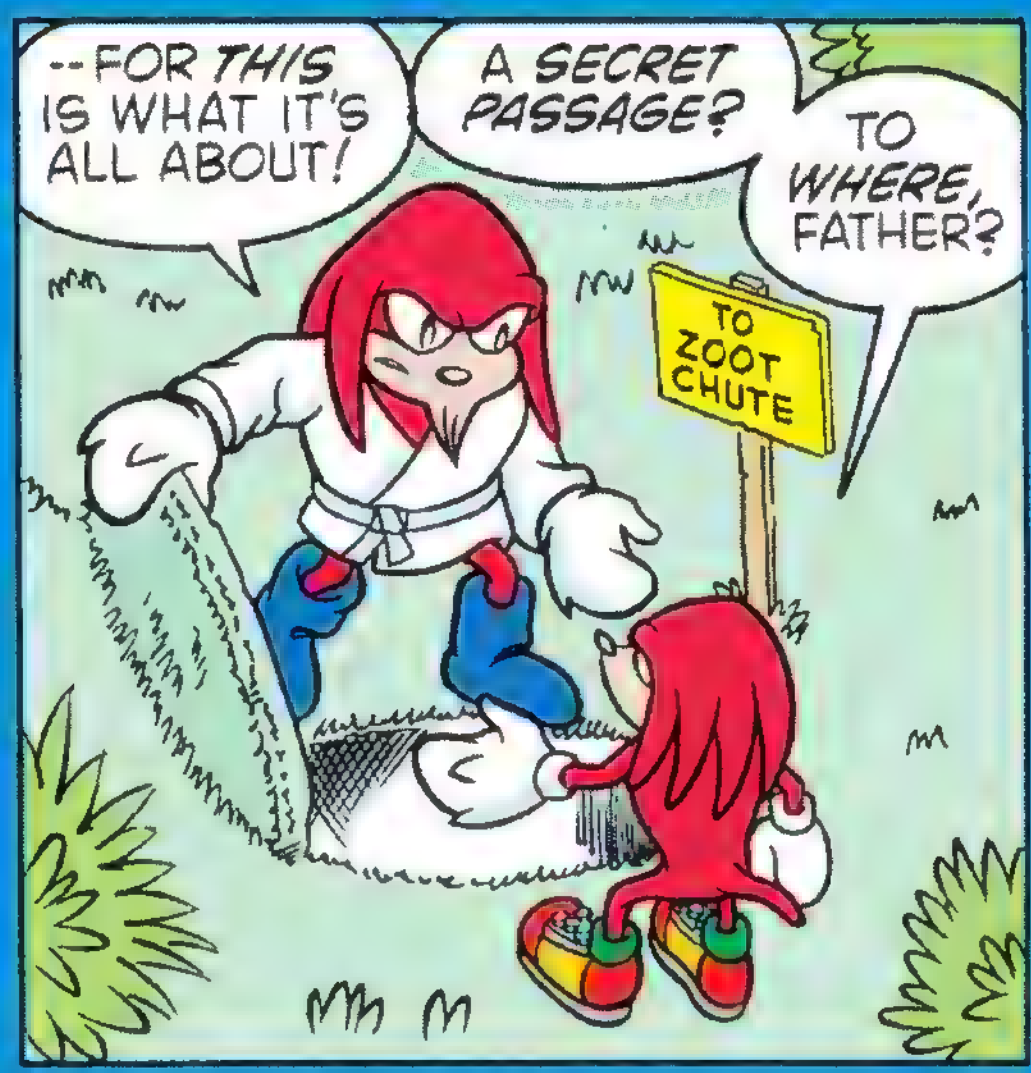


WHERE *FEW* HAVE GONE BEFORE, KNUCKLES!

OW!

I CAN SEE *WHY!* THAT'S *ROUGH,* ON THE OL' *TUCKUS!*

BUT NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, FATHER--

--JUST WHERE IS *HERE?* AND *WHAT*-- IS *THAT?!*

THAT, MY DEAR SON-- IS YOUR *LEGACY!*

BEHOLD THE *CHAOS EMERALD*-- WITH *POWER* TO KEEP OUR *ENTIRE* ISLAND *ALOFT* OVER THE SURFACE OF *MOBIUS* BELOW!

IS THAT *ALL* IT DOES?

NO! THERE IS MORE-- *MUCH* MORE-- TO THE STORY--

-- BUT THERE IS *ONLY* SO MUCH YOU CAN *LEARN* AT ANY GIVEN TIME!

FOR NOW, LET'S JUST SAY YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN THE *BASICS*--

--FOR ONLY WHEN YOU HAVE *ALL* THE PIECES WILL YOU BE *ABLE* TO UNDERSTAND!

"--BE *ABLE* TO UNDERSTAND!"

INTERESTING!

NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, *ARCHIMEDES* DID SOUND A LOT *LIKE* MY *DAD!*

TO BE MORE *SPECIFIC*--THE *WORDS* SOUNDED LIKE *DAD*, BUT THE *SOUND* OF *ARCHIMEDES' VOICE* SOUNDED--

--WELL, *DIFFERENT!*

COULD THAT *MEAN* THAT--NAH, IT *COULDN'T* BE--

THERE'S *NO WAY* DAD COULD'VE--

BESIDES, THIS *ISN'T* HELPING ME FIND THE *CHAOTIX!**

BLUNDERING AROUND, HOWEVER, ISN'T GONNA DO A FAT LOT OF GOOD EITHER!

* THEY WERE KIDNAPPED IN KNUCKLES' CHAOTIX SPECIAL #1--EDITOR

DAD WOULD *EXPECT* ME TO USE MY HEAD AND *THINK*--

--*STUDY* THE PROBLEM BEFORE YOU--

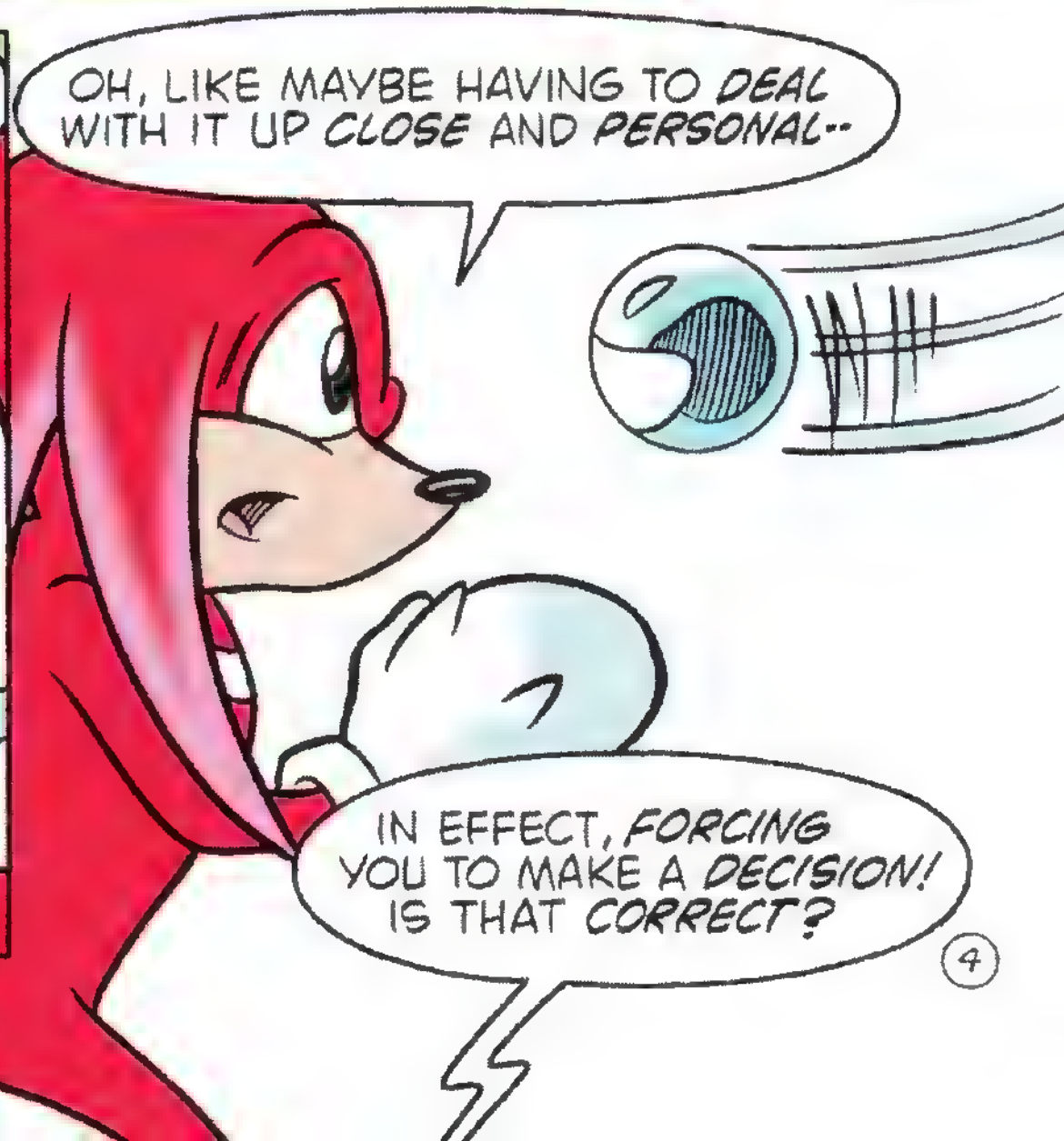
-- AND DETERMINE THE *BEST* WAY TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION!
IN THIS CASE, WE HAVE A *MYSTERIOUS GLOBULAR OBJECT* FLYING AROUND!

WE *HAVEN'T* ANY CLUE TO ITS *ORIGINS* OR *INTENTIONS!*
SO, MY DEAR KNUCKLES, WHAT WOULD *YOU* SAY IS OUR *FIRST* COURSE OF *ACTION?*

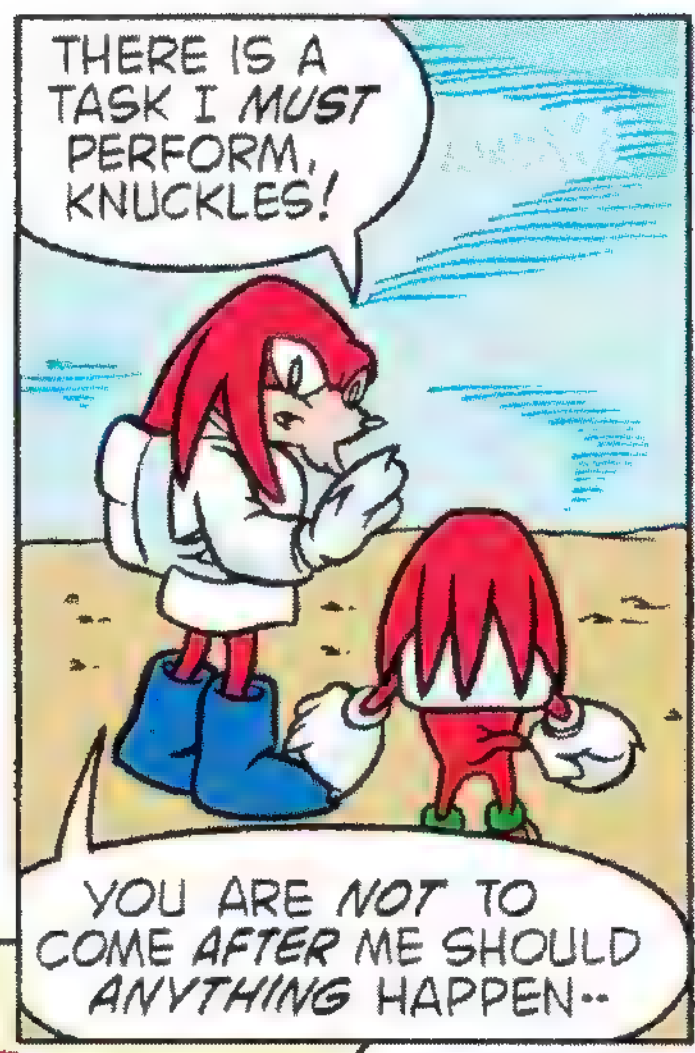
HMMM...
I WOULD...

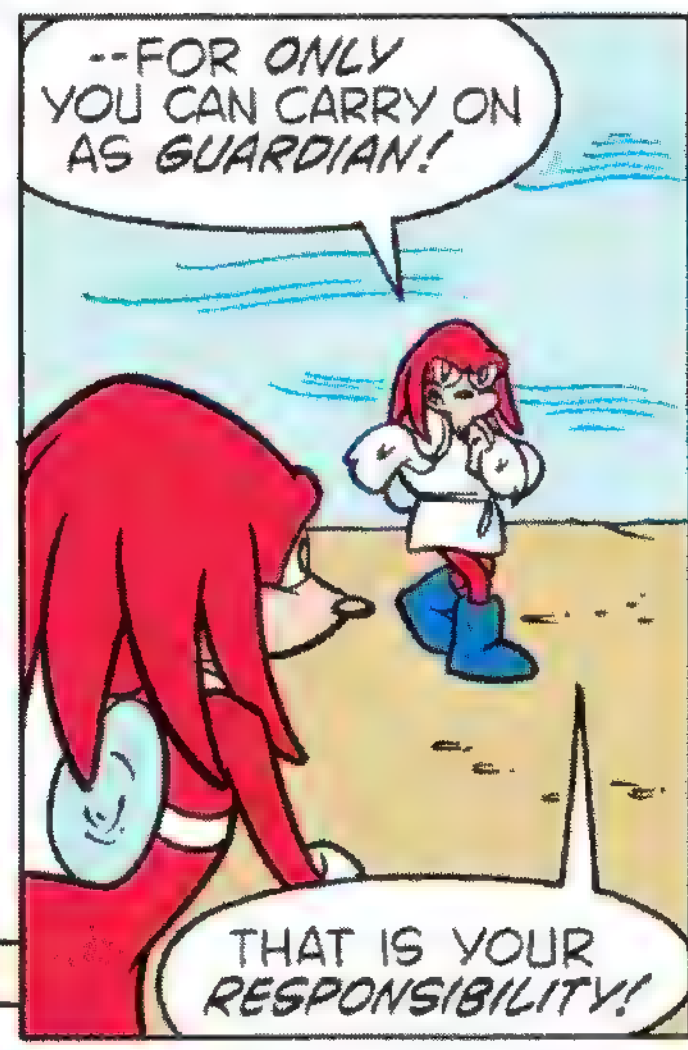
I GUESS I WOULD *WATCH* AND *WAIT* TO SEE WHAT *IT* DOES *FIRST!*
VERY *GOOD,* LAD!
THEN WHAT?

I-- I *DON'T* KNOW! I *GUESS* IT DEPENDS!
ON WHAT?


OH, LIKE MAYBE HAVING TO *DEAL* WITH IT UP *CLOSE* AND *PERSONAL*--
IN EFFECT, *FORCING* YOU TO MAKE A *DECISION!* IS THAT *CORRECT?*

YES, SIR!
AND WHAT HAVE YOU *DECIDED*?
I'M *NOT* GONNA TAKE *ANY* CHANCES!
I'M GOING TO--
SMASH!
CHOKE-- KOFF-KOFF
YOU'VE *FORGOTTEN* ONE OF THE MOST *IMPORTANT* LESSONS I'VE TAUGHT YOU--
"--*KNOW YOUR ENEMY!*"
I MUST *ADMIT*, MY FATHER *ALWAYS* WOULD *SHOW* ME THE WAY--
--IF ONLY I WOULD PAY *ATTENTION!*
STILL, EVEN DAD *COULDN'T* PREPARE FOR *EVERYTHING!*
AND NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY--
--I'LL *NEVER* FORGET WHAT HAPPENED WHEN WE CAME TO--
--*THE FORBIDDEN ZONE*, MY SON!
WHY ARE WE *HERE*, FATHER?

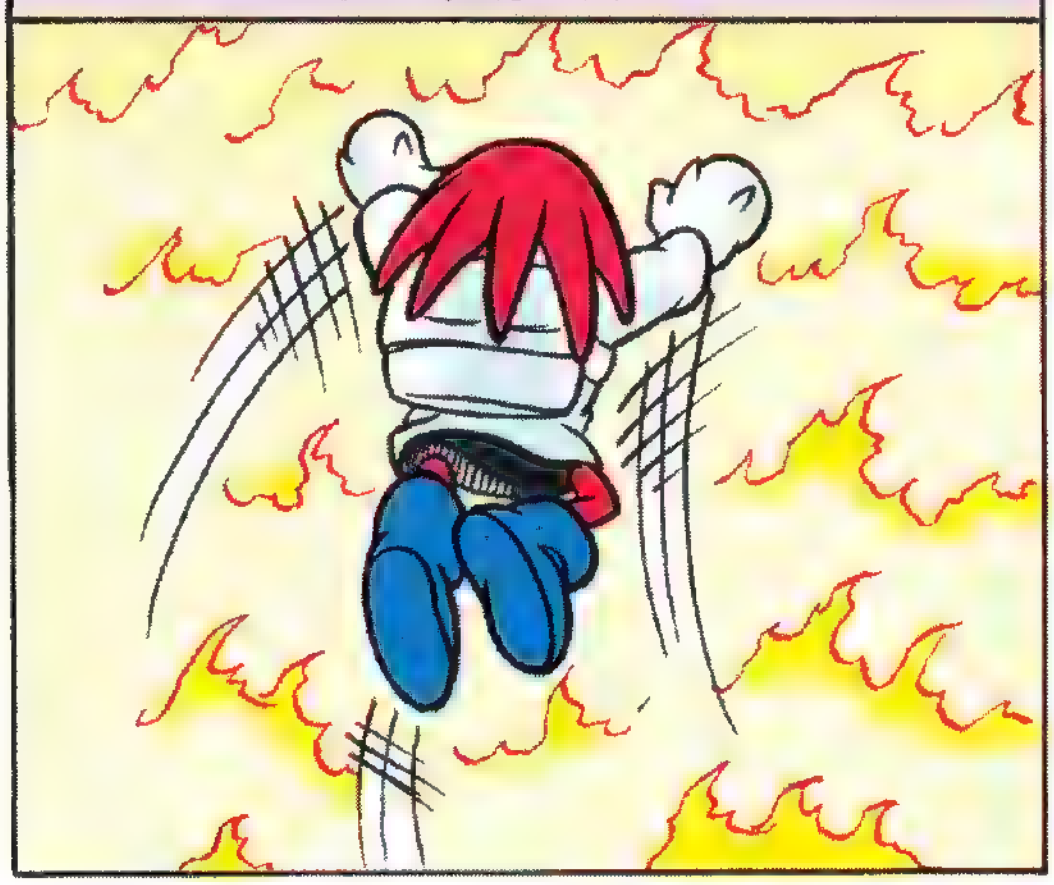




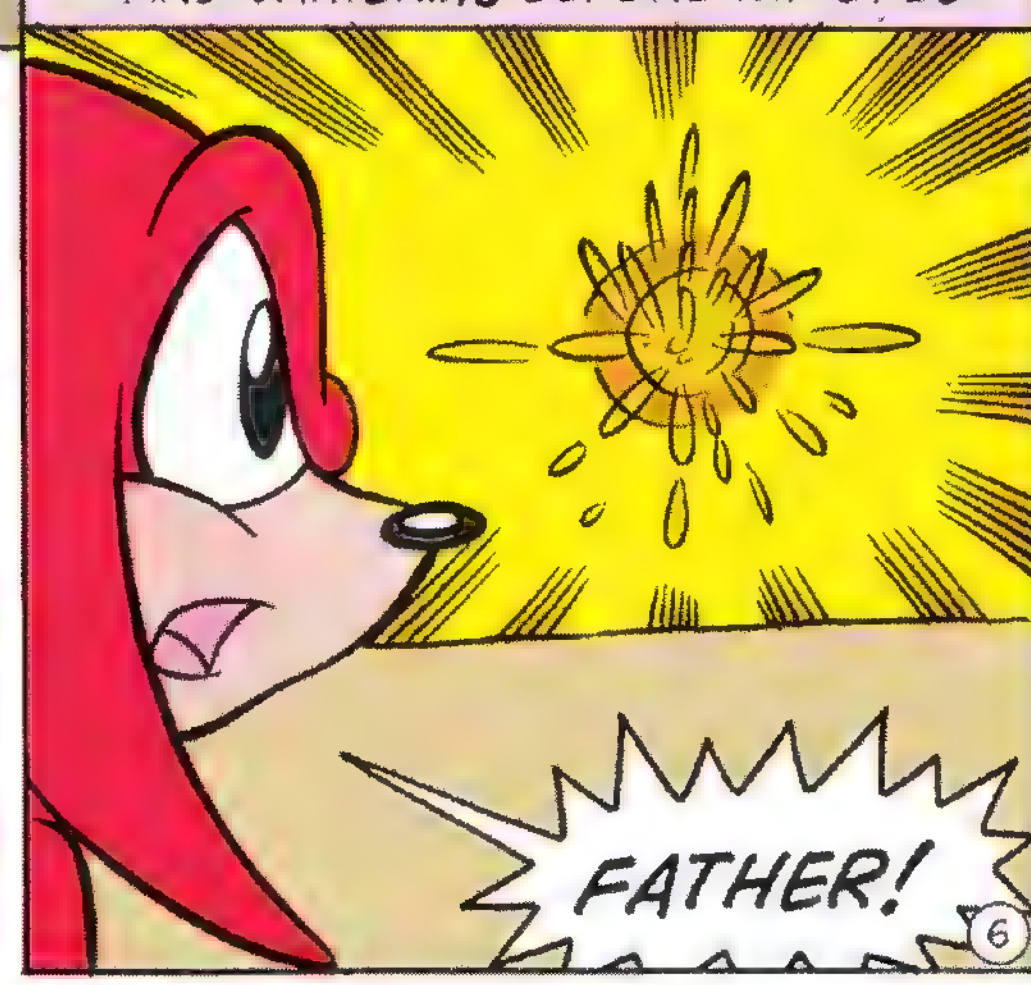
I ANSWER TO THE CALLING OF OUR *FOREBEARS!*

"NO MATTER HOW MUCH I MAY HAVE *WANTED* TO--

"-- EVEN WHEN I *WITNESSED* MY FATHER *LEAPING* INTO THAT WALL OF ENERGY--



"-- AND *VANISHING* BEFORE MY EYES--"



--I STAYED MY GROUND AND HONORED MY FATHER'S WISHES!
IT WAS THE HARDEST THING I'D EVER DONE--
BUT IF MY DAD COULD MAKE SACRIFICES TIME AFTER TIME--
--THEN HOW COULD I NOT DO LIKEWISE?
IT WASN'T ANY PICNIC FOR AWHILE AFTER THAT!
I'D KEEP FINDING NEW WAYS TO MESS UP!
LIKE, ALLOWING ROBOTNIK TO MAKE A DUPE OUTTA ME!*
*REFER TO THE CLASSIC "THIS ISLAND HEDGEHOG" IN SONIC #13 - EDITOR
THINGS GOT SO BAD I HAD TO DEPEND ON THAT STUPID HEDGEHOG TO SAVE MY TAIL!
SLAM!
WHAM!
AND WHEN HE SUGGESTED I FORM THE CHAOTIX INTO A TEAM...*
*CHECK OUT "THE CHAOS EFFECT" IN KNUCKLES' CHAOTIX SPECIAL #1 - EDITOR
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YOU'LL LEARN THE ANSWERS, DEAR READER, AS *KNUCKLES'* STORY CONTINUES IN THE PAGES OF SONIC ARCHIVES!

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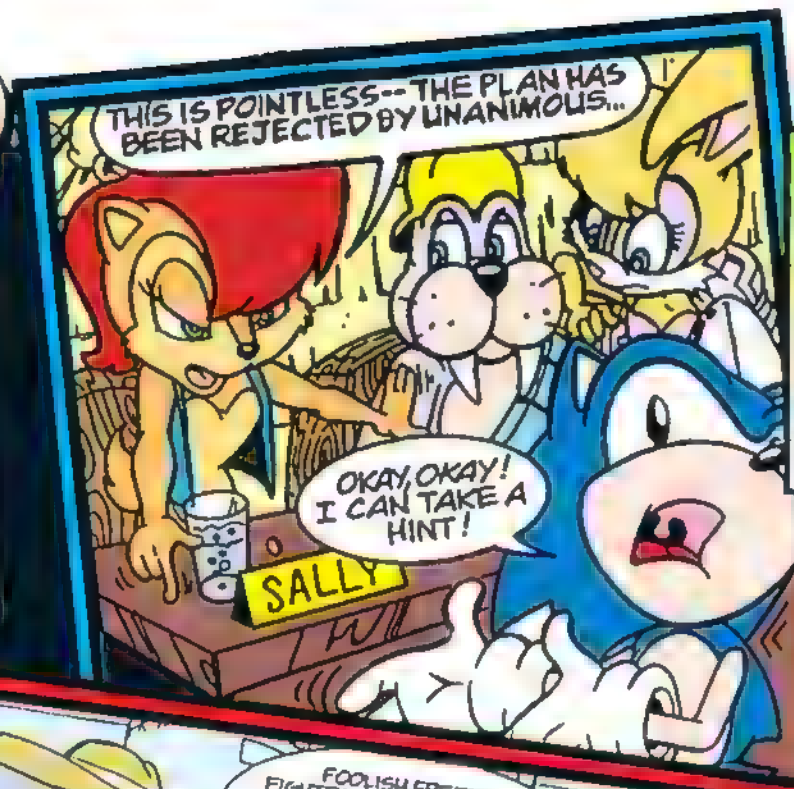

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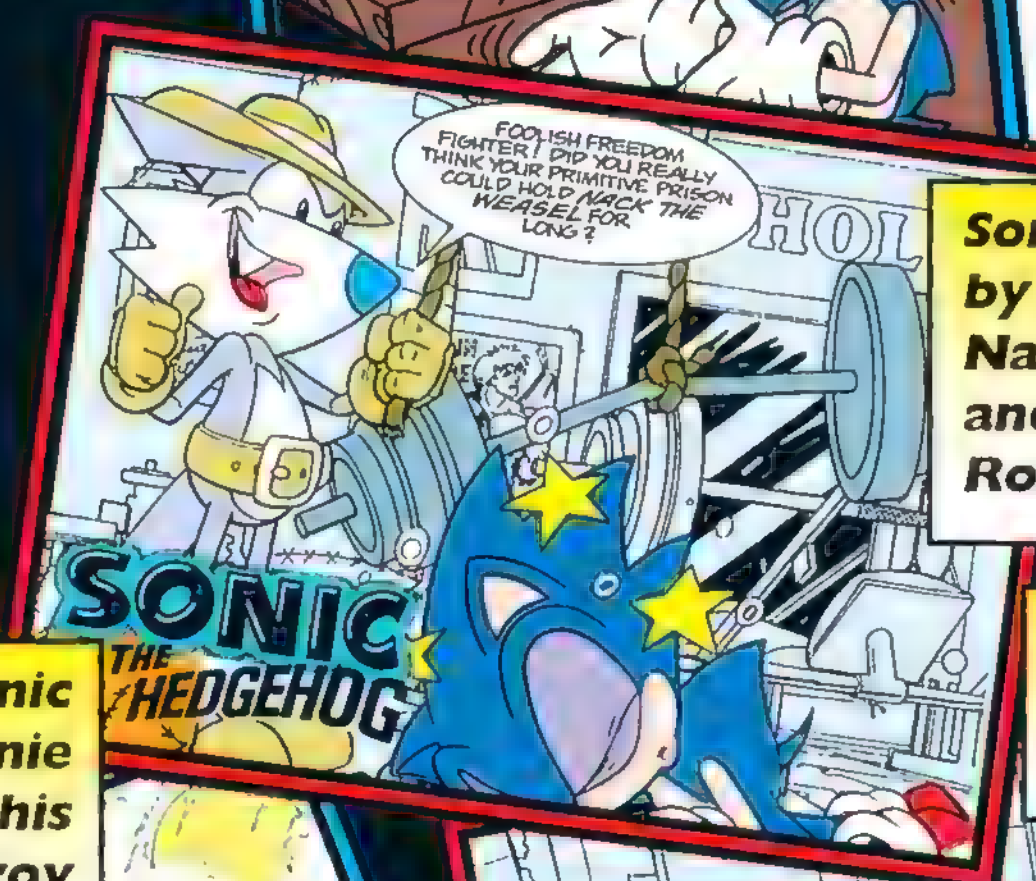

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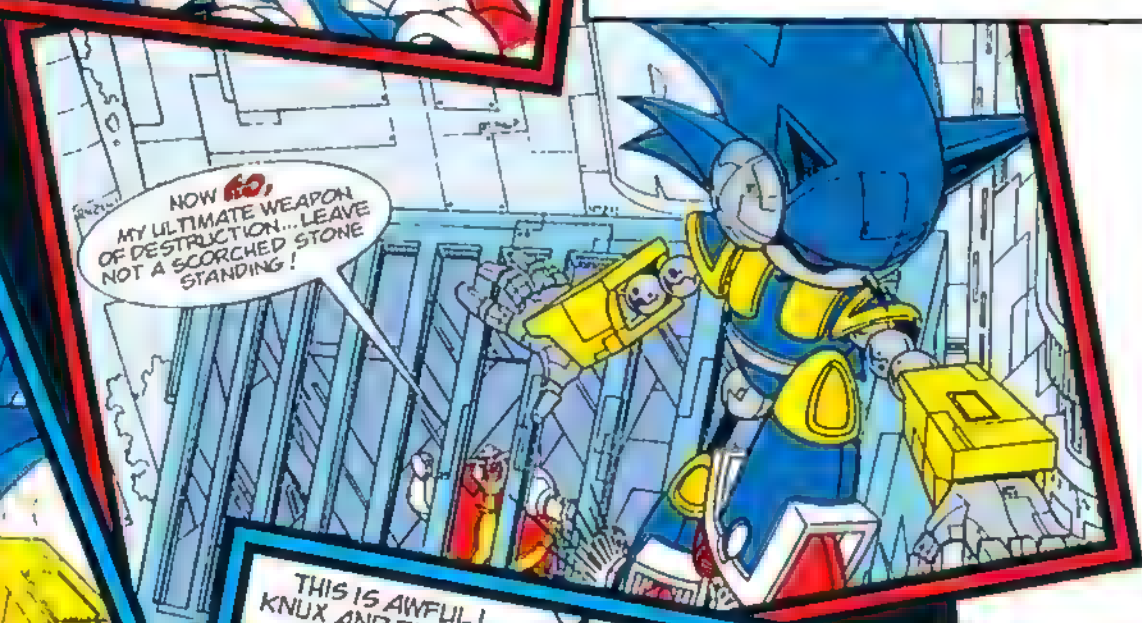
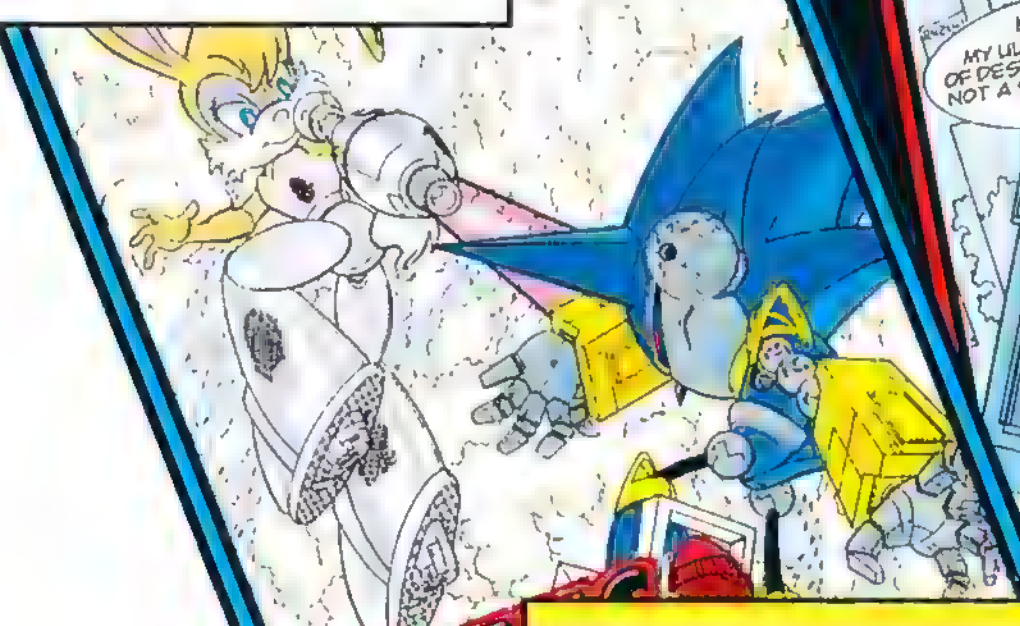
Robotnik finally creates the "real" Mecha-Sonic.



Mecha-Sonic battles Bunnie Rabbot on his way to destroy Knothole Village!



Knuckles arrives — loses his fight with Mecha-Sonic.

Is this the end of the Freedom Fighters?

*Describing events in Sonic #39

SONIC™ THE HEDGEHOG

MECHA MADNESS PART 1

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS ABOUT TO TRASH KNOTHOLE!

YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS, MISTER!

ULP! Y-YES, YOUR M-MAJESTY! CATCH, 'TWAN!

ALORS! SHE EES SERIOUS!

SHE'S THE PRINCESS!

YOU BET I AM-- NOW MOVE OUT! ANTOINE, STAND BY WITH KNUCKLES!

NICOLE! I WANT A FULL SWEEP OF THE VILLAGE!

WORKING...

AS YOU COMMANDED, KNOTHOLE HAS BEEN EVACUATED!*

MECHA-SONIC IS INFLICTING HEAVY DAMAGE, BUT IT'S ALL STRUCTURAL.

SKRA-TOOM

*SALLY GAVE TAILS THE CODED ORDER IN SONIC#39 --EDITOR

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE DISOBEYED A DIRECT ORDER! SONIC'S BEHAVIOR BORDERS ON MUTINY!

I WEEL BE HAPPY TO FORM A SUB-COMMITTEE AND START AN INVESTIGATION!

DELAY THAT, BUSTER! I'M GIVING THE ORDERS HERE! ROTOR, BRING ME THE 'BOTMAKER!

:Shudder:

YES'M!

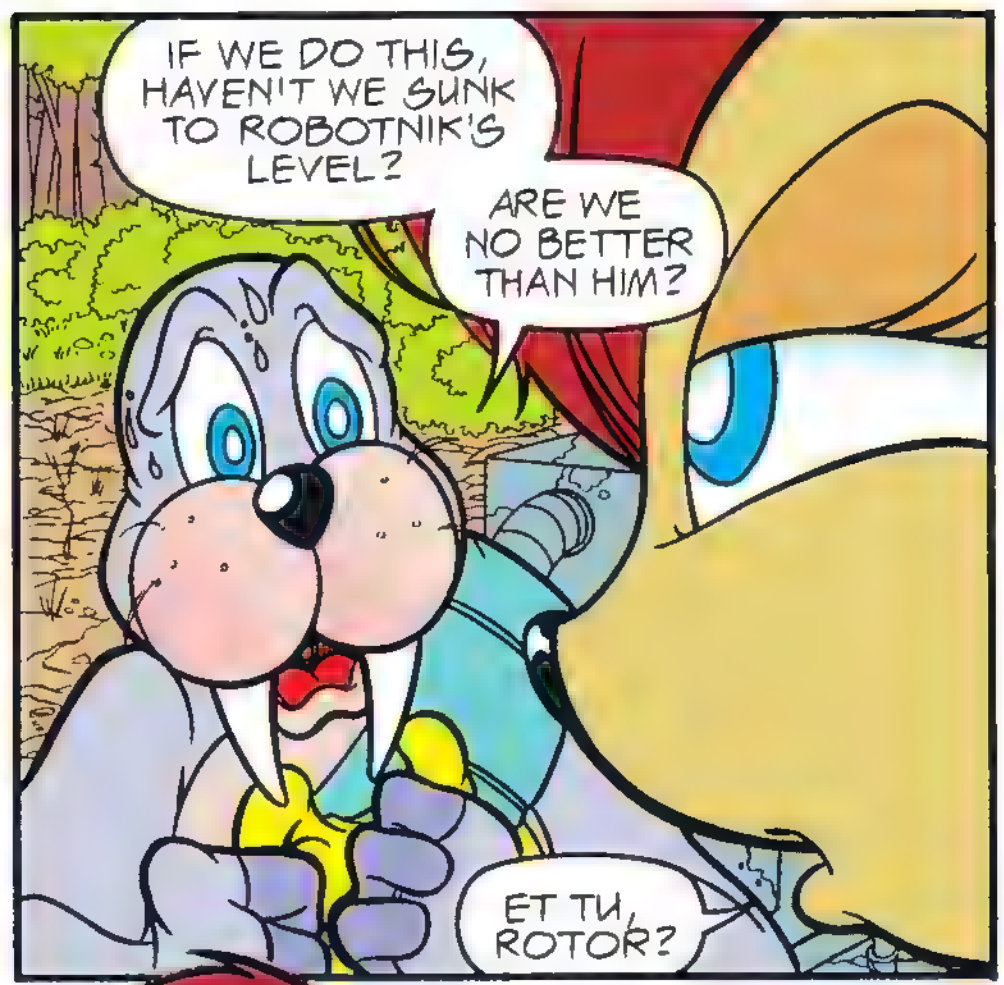
GIMME THE SKINNY--IS THIS THING READY TO GO?

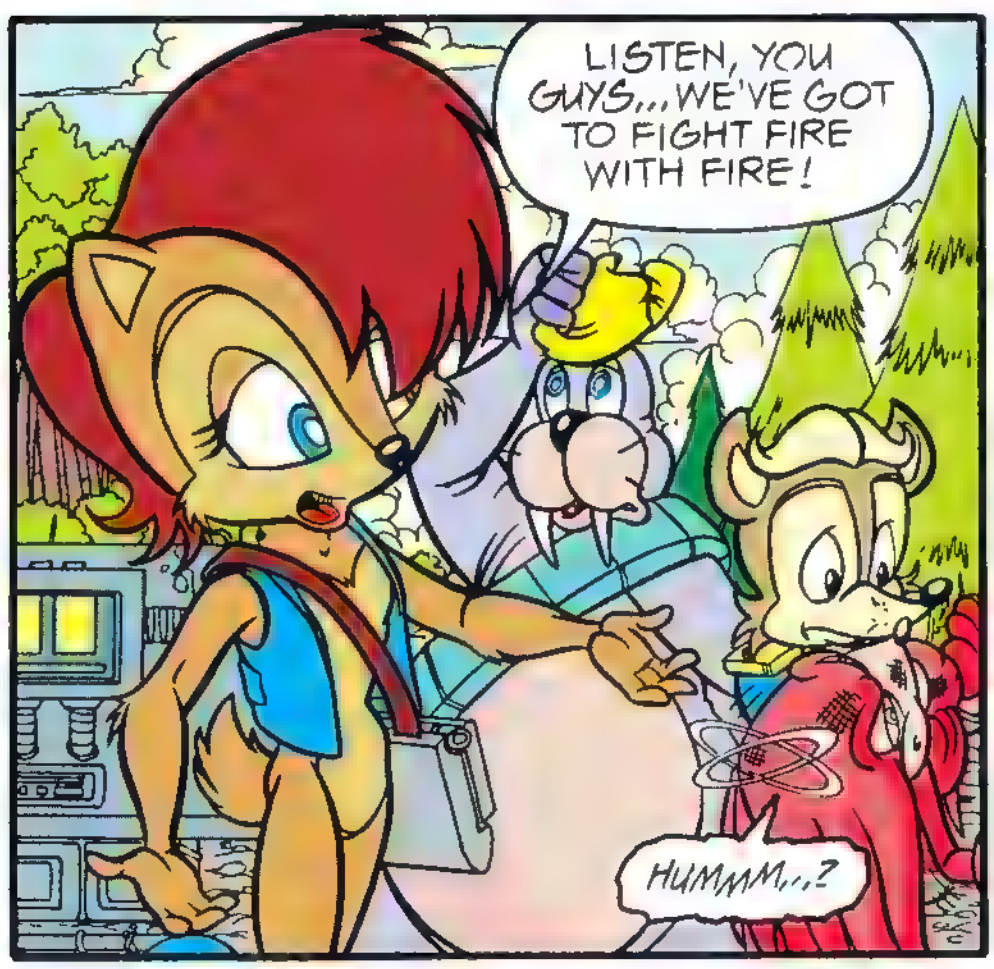
AS YOU KNOW, WE ACQUIRED THIS "PORT-O-BOT" FROM ROBOTNIK AFTER OUR FIRST BUNNIE RABBOT ENCOUNTER...

ALTHOUGH IT WAS DAMAGED, I'VE BEEN REPAIRING IT AS YOU ORDERED... I THINK IT'S OPERATIONAL!

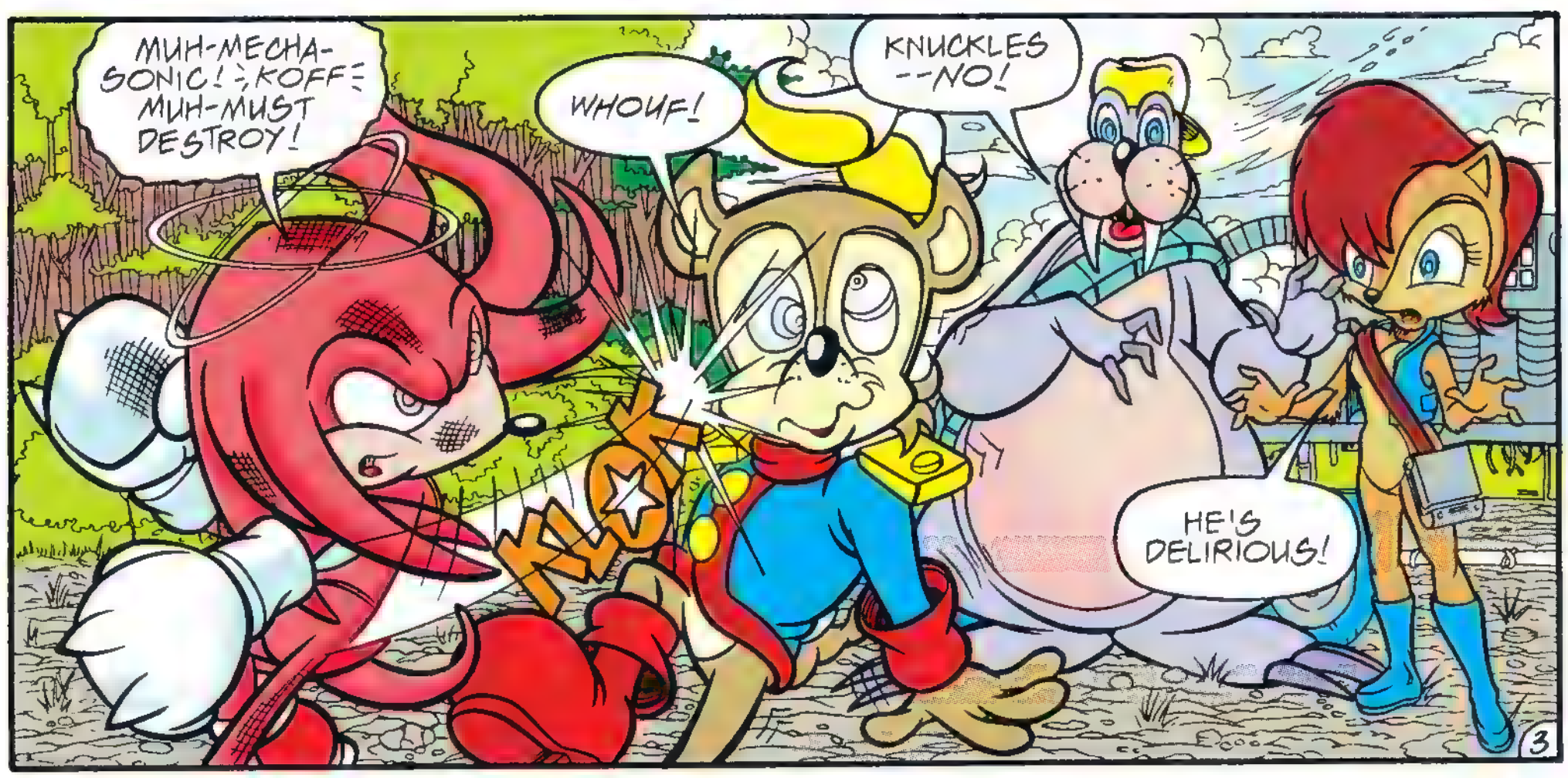
YOU THEENK? 'AVE THEES THING BEEN TESTED?

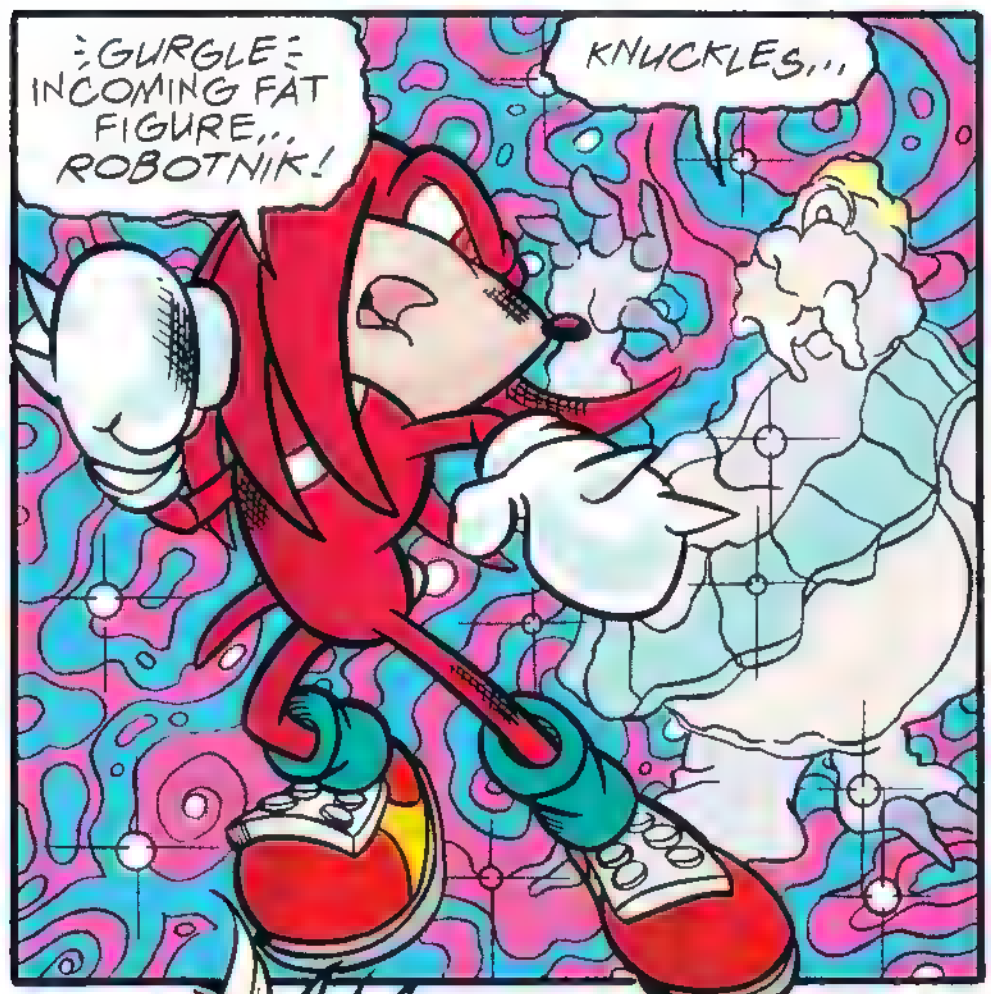
I KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION,,,"NO"! BUT IT'S ABOUT TO BE!
S-SUH-SALLY,,, IF I MAY S-SPEAK FREELY,,,

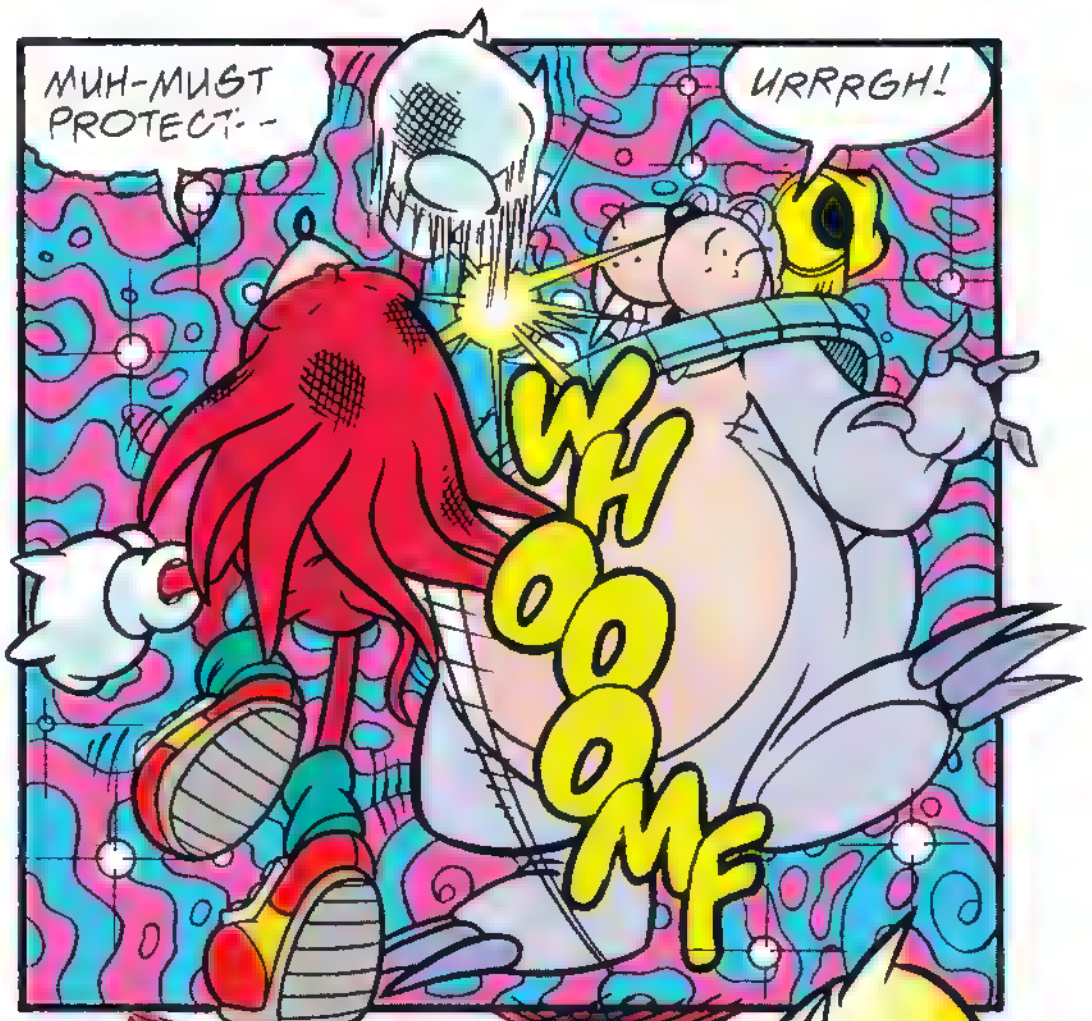

IF WE DO THIS, HAVEN'T WE SUNK TO ROBOTNIK'S LEVEL?
ARE WE NO BETTER THAN HIM?
ET TU, ROTOR?

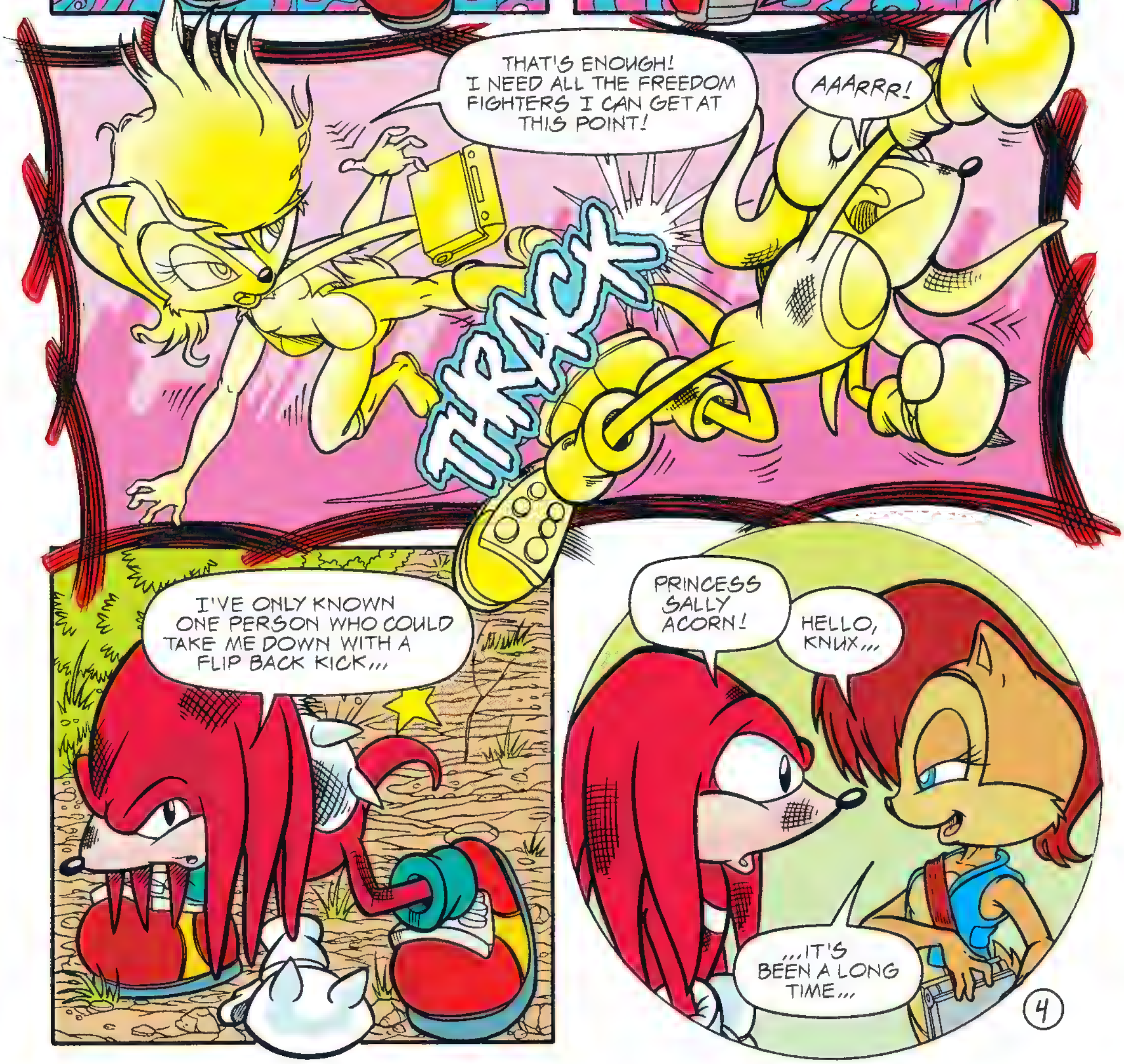

LISTEN, YOU GUYS,,,WE'VE GOT TO FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE!
HUMMM,,,?

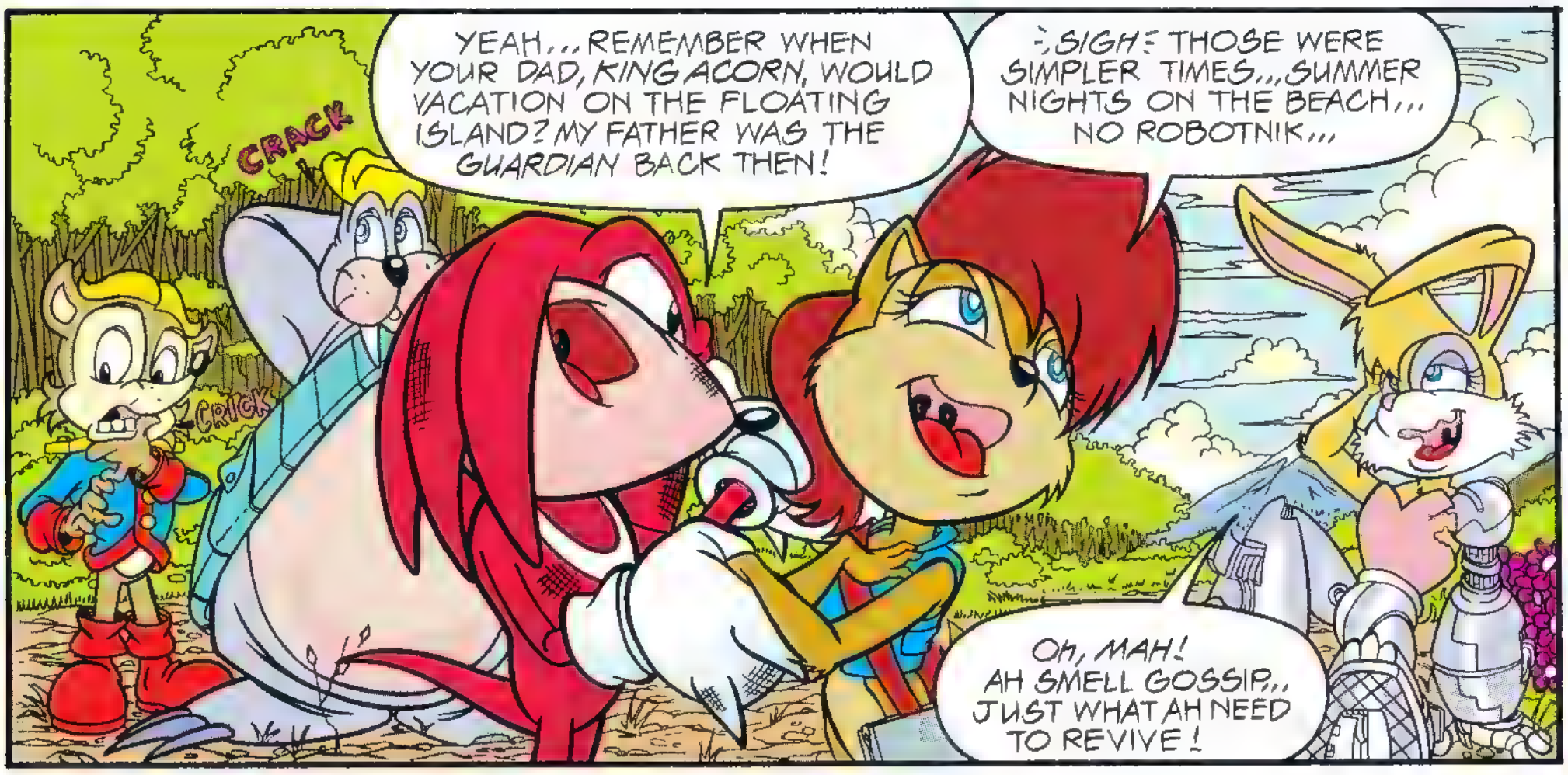
WE MUST USE EVERY WEAPON AT OUR DISPOSAL TO ENSURE SURVIVAL! PLANET MOBIUS IS AT STAKE--LET FREEDOM RING!!
Eh?
WUH-WE-WHA--HUH?

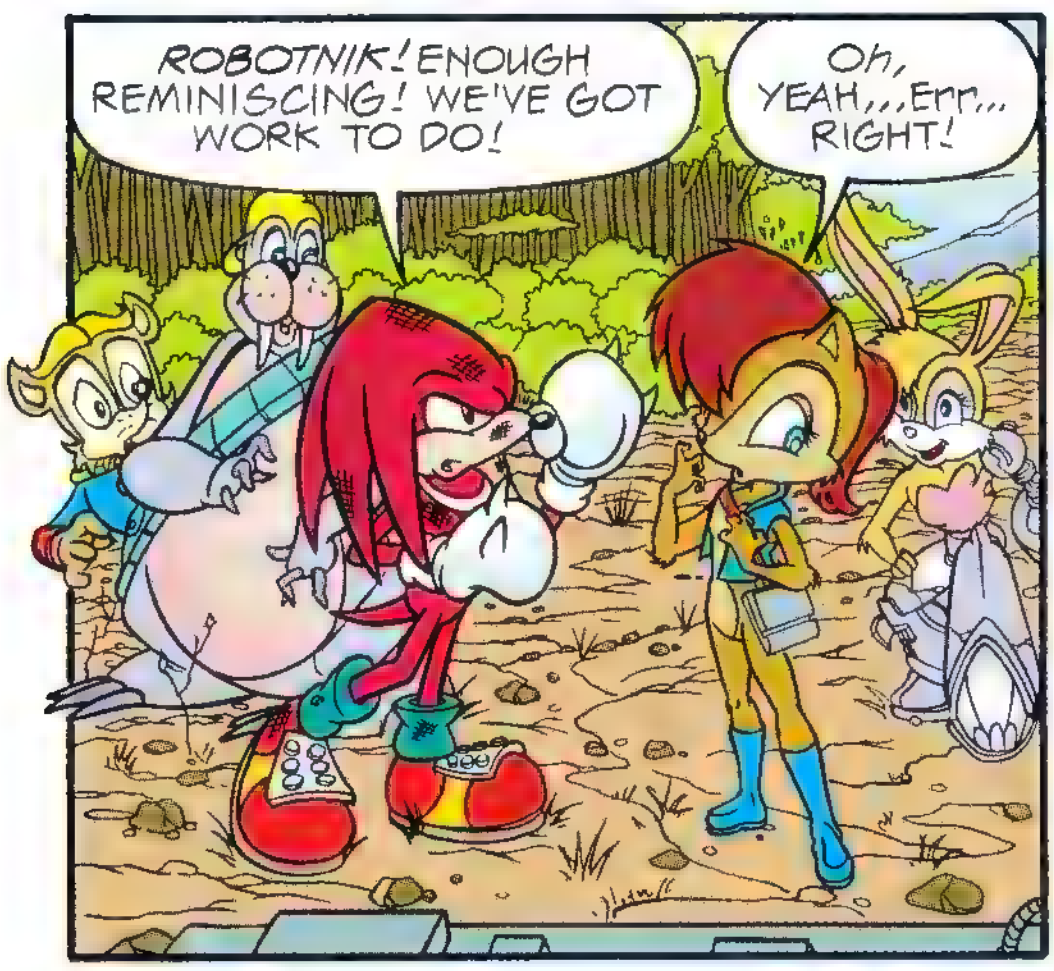

MUH-MECHA-SONIC!-KOFF-MUH-MUST DESTROY!
WHOUF!
KNUCKLES --NO!
KLOK
HE'S DELIRIOUS!

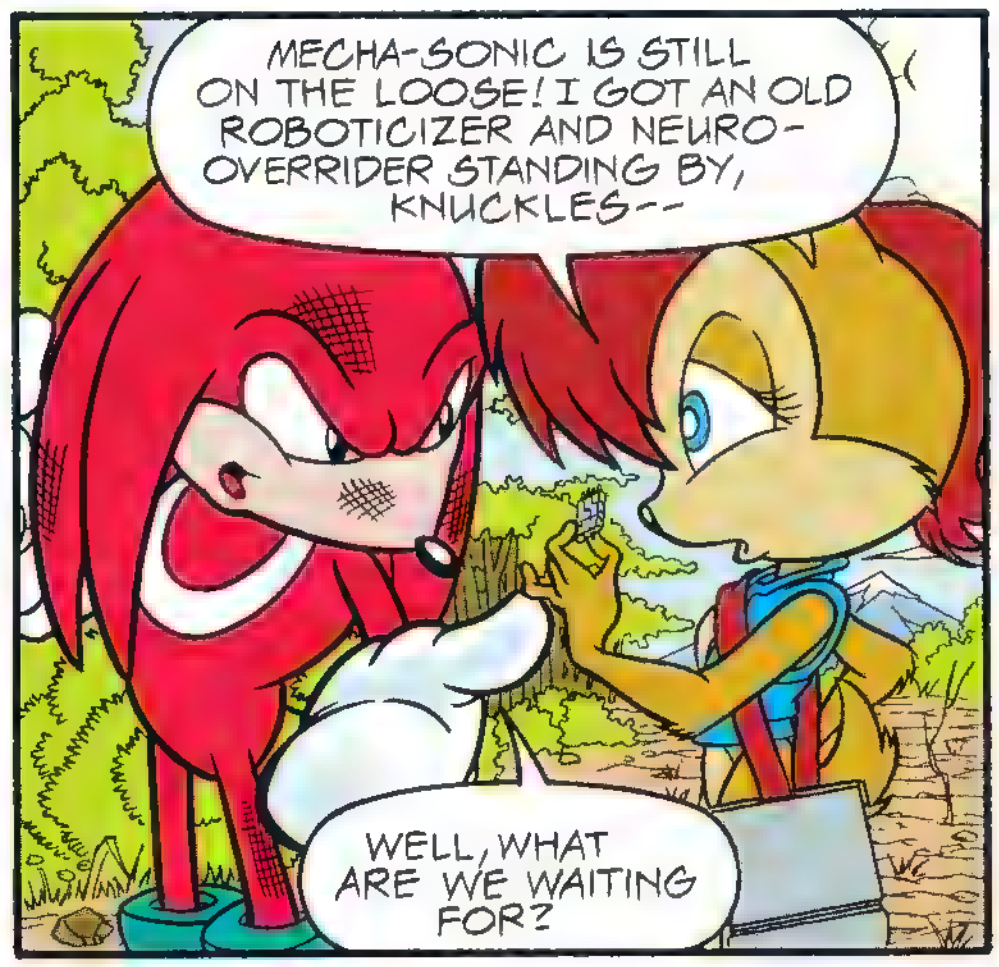

:GURGLE: INCOMING FAT FIGURE... ROBOTNIK!
KNUCKLES...

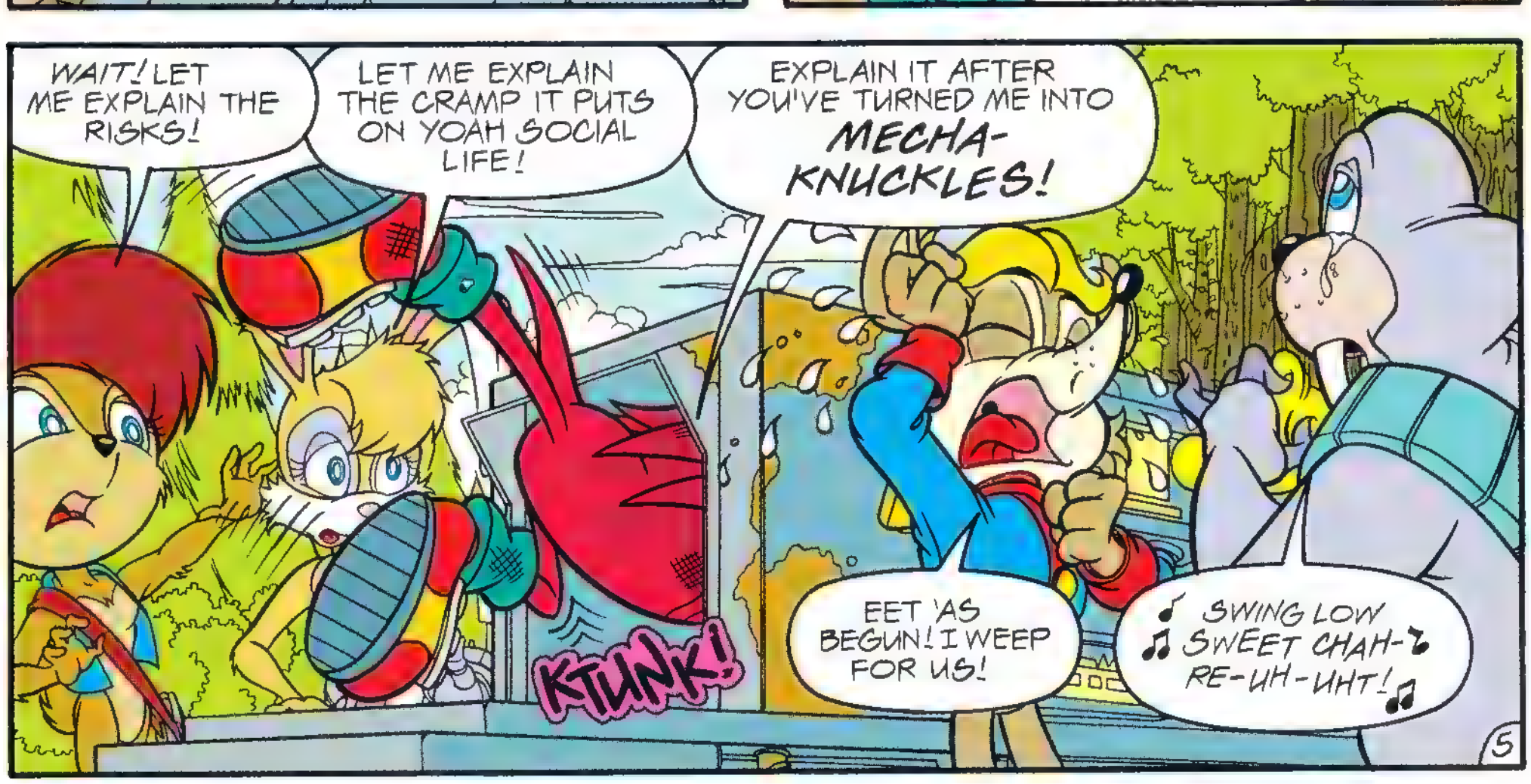

MUH-MUST PROTECT--
URRRGH!
WHOOOMF


THAT'S ENOUGH! I NEED ALL THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS I CAN GET AT THIS POINT!
AAARRR!
THRACK
I'VE ONLY KNOWN ONE PERSON WHO COULD TAKE ME DOWN WITH A FLIP BACK KICK...
PRINCESS SALLY ACORN!
HELLO, KNUX...
...IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...


YEAH... REMEMBER WHEN YOUR DAD, KING ACORN, WOULD VACATION ON THE FLOATING ISLAND? MY FATHER WAS THE GUARDIAN BACK THEN!
CRACK
CRICK
:SIGH: THOSE WERE SIMPLER TIMES... SUMMER NIGHTS ON THE BEACH... NO ROBOTNIK...
OH, MAH! AH SMELL GOSSIP... JUST WHAT AH NEED TO REVIVE!


ROBOTNIK! ENOUGH REMINISCING! WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
OH, YEAH... ERR... RIGHT!


MECHA-SONIC IS STILL ON THE LOOSE! I GOT AN OLD ROBOTICIZER AND NEURO-OVERRIDER STANDING BY, KNUCKLES--
WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?


WAIT! LET ME EXPLAIN THE RISKS!
LET ME EXPLAIN THE CRAMP IT PUTS ON YOAH SOCIAL LIFE!
EXPLAIN IT AFTER YOU'VE TURNED ME INTO MECHA-KNUCKLES!
KTUNK!
EET 'AS BEGUN! I WEEP FOR US!
SWING LOW SWEET CHAH-RE-UH-UHT!
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SONIC™ THE HEDGEHOG IS OBLITERATING KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

MECHA MADNESS PART II

SPLASH

IT'S A GOOD THING I HAD THE PLACE EVACUATED! THERE'S NO ONE HERE ...EXCEPT...

uh-oh!

ME!

WHOOP... I'VE BEEN SPOTTED!

FREEDOM FIGHTER CODENAME: TAILS!

ELIMINATE!

YIPE! I'M OUTTA HERE!

VROOOOM

RAPID AERIAL ACCELERATION-- TARGET STILL WITHIN RANGE.

KAM!

CO-ORDINATES FED TO WEAPON SYSTEM...

I... M-MUST...

C-CANNOT...

M-MUST--

MECHA-SONIC!

YES, LORD ROBOTNIK?

DID I DETECT SOME HESITATION? YOUR ORDERS ARE TO WIPE OUT ALL YOUR FORMER ALLIES!

OH, NEVER MIND... I'LL DO IT MYSELF! GIVE ME YOUR CO-ORDINATES-- I'VE GOT A STOCKPILE OF NUCLEAR BOMBS I'M DYING TO USE!

S-SUH-SEND YOU THE LOCA-TION--

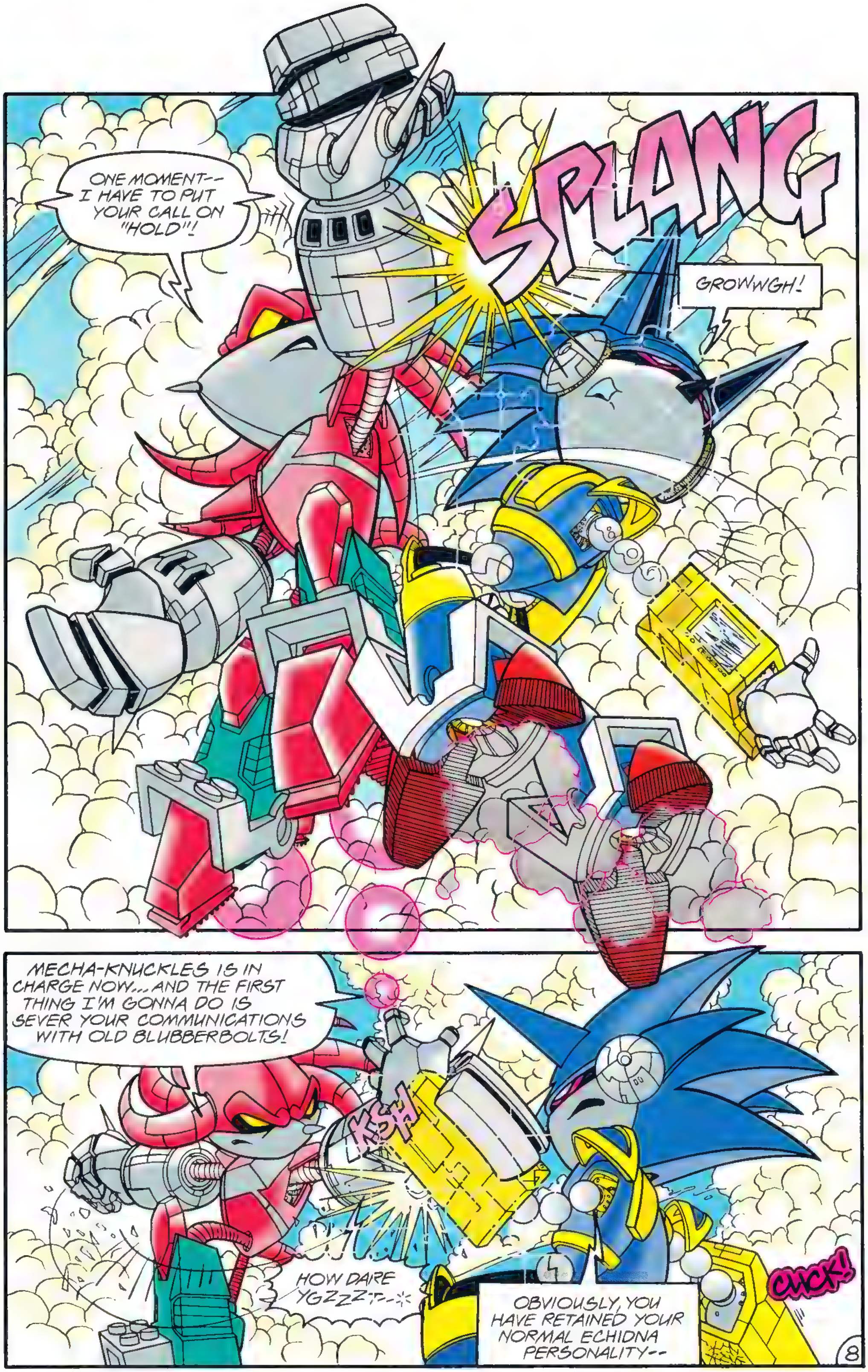
--OF KNOTHOLE?

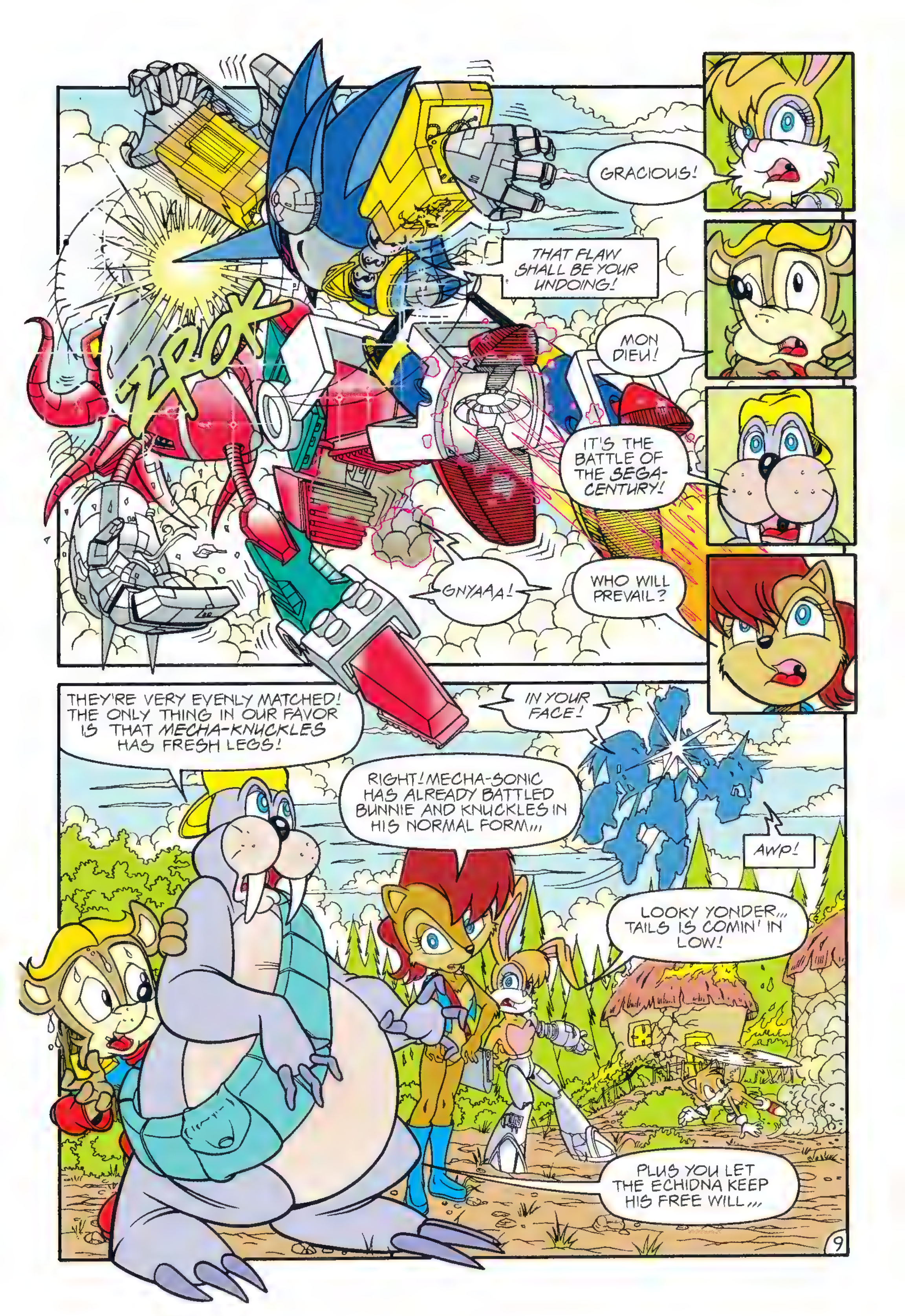
YES, YOU MECHA-MORON! YOU ARE MY SLAVE! DO AS I SAY IMMEDIATELY!

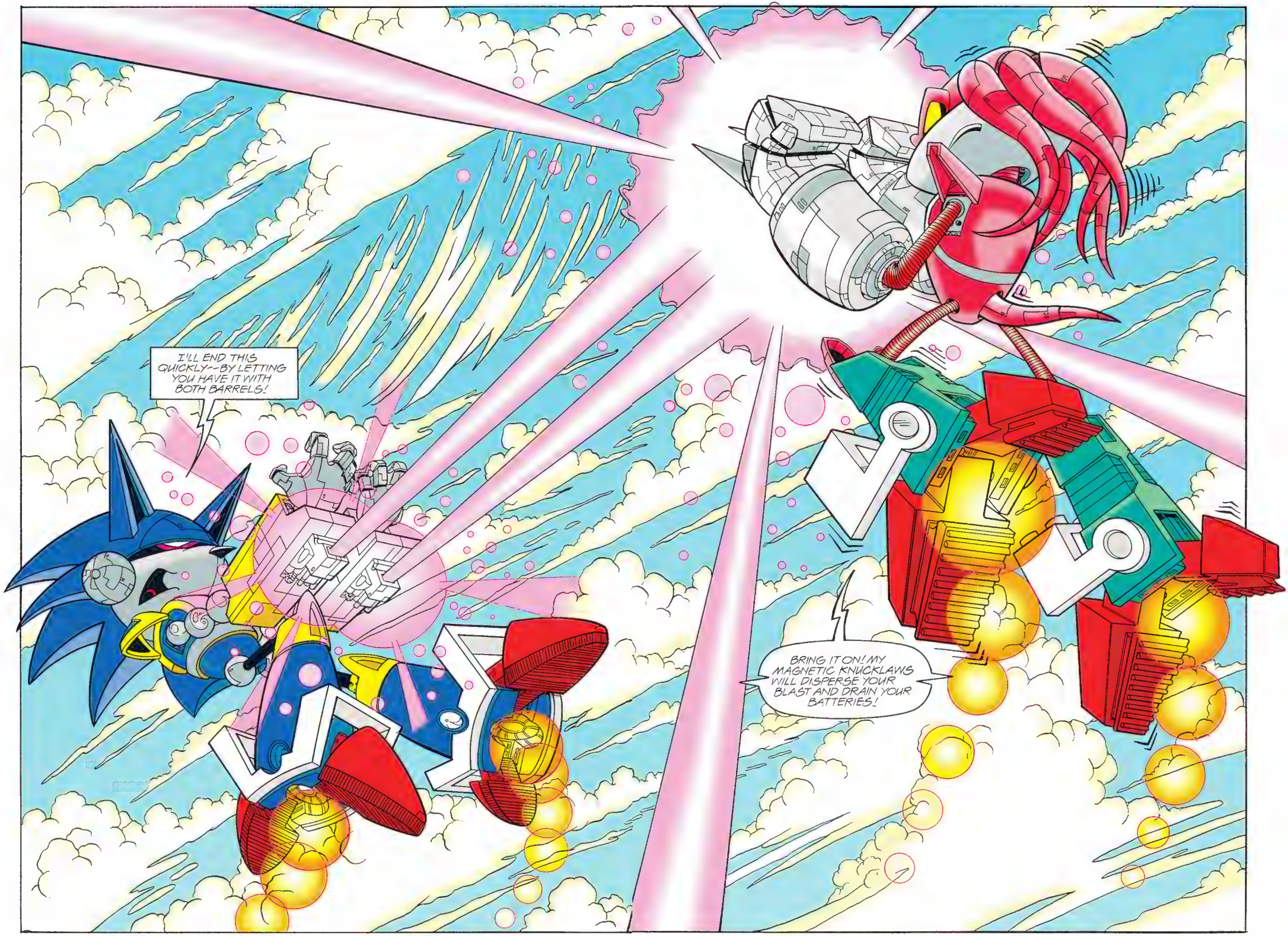
...Y-YES... OF COURSE!

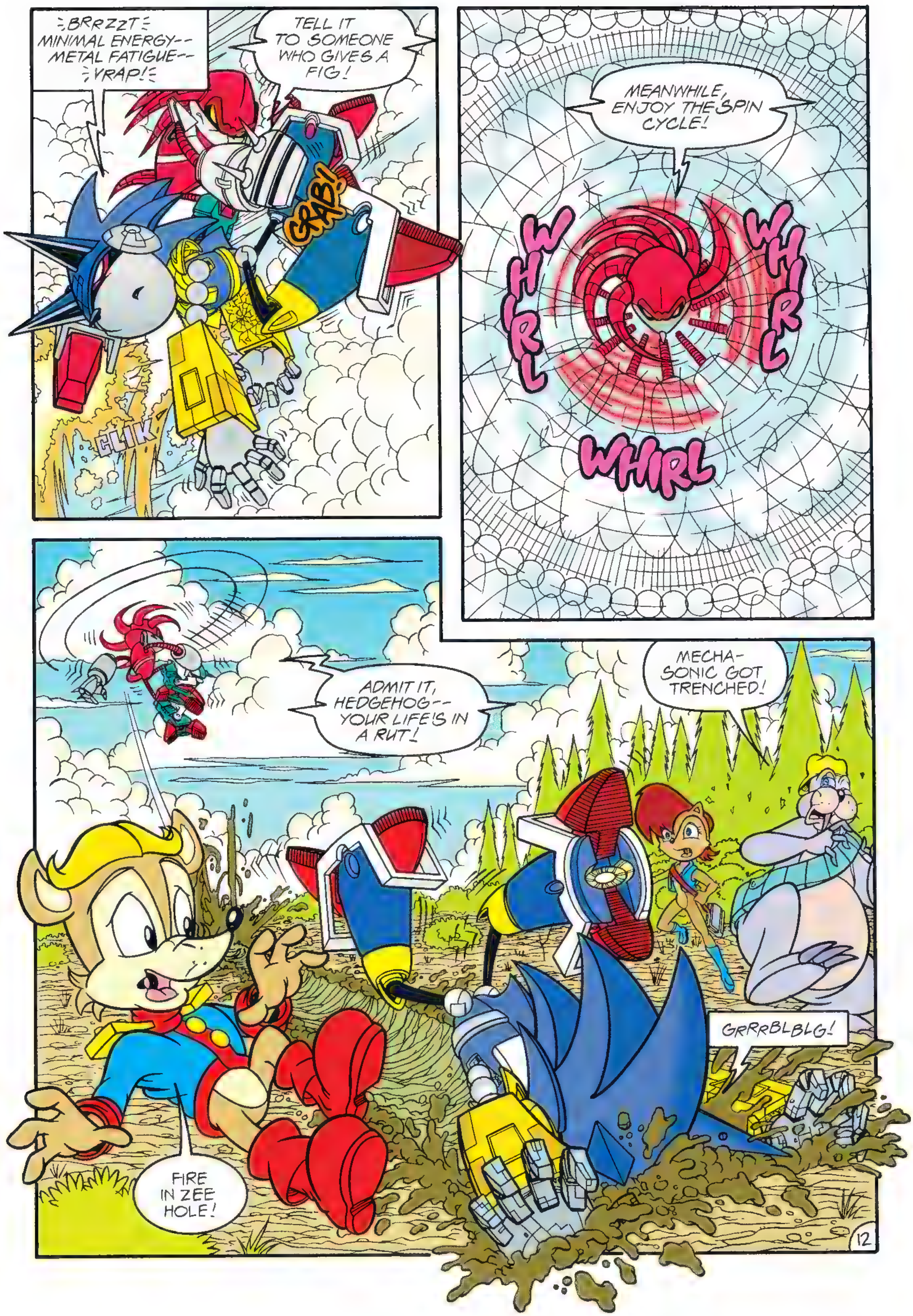
SORRY, MASTER--

THE NUMBERS ARE...


ONE MOMENT-- I HAVE TO PUT YOUR CALL ON "HOLD"!
SPLANG
GROWWGH!
MECHA-KNUCKLES IS IN CHARGE NOW... AND THE FIRST THING I'M GONNA DO IS SEVER YOUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH OLD BLUBBERBOLTS!
KESH
HOW DARE YGZZZT--
OBVIOUSLY, YOU HAVE RETAINED YOUR NORMAL ECHIDNA PERSONALITY--
CLICK!


GRACIOUS!
THAT FLAW SHALL BE YOUR UNDOING!
MON DIEU!
IT'S THE BATTLE OF THE SEGA-CENTURY!
GNYAAA!
WHO WILL PREVAIL?
THEY'RE VERY EVENLY MATCHED! THE ONLY THING IN OUR FAVOR IS THAT MECHA-KNUCKLES HAS FRESH LEGS!
IN YOUR FACE!
RIGHT! MECHA-SONIC HAS ALREADY BATTLED BUNNIE AND KNUCKLES IN HIS NORMAL FORM...
AWP!
LOOKY YONDER... TAILS IS COMIN' IN LOW!
PLUS YOU LET THE ECHIDNA KEEP HIS FREE WILL...


I'LL END THIS QUICKLY--BY LETTING YOU HAVE IT WITH BOTH BARRELS!
BRING IT ON! MY MAGNETIC KNUCKLAWS WILL DISPERSE YOUR BLAST AND DRAIN YOUR BATTERIES!


:BRRZZT:
MINIMAL ENERGY--
METAL FATIGUE--
:VRAP!:
TELL IT TO SOMEONE WHO GIVES A FIG!
GRAB!
CLIK
MEANWHILE, ENJOY THE SPIN CYCLE!
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
ADMIT IT, HEDGEHOG-- YOUR LIFE'S IN A RUT!
MECHA-SONIC GOT TRENCHED!
GRRRBLBLG!
FIRE IN ZEE HOLE!

TO PARAPHRASE HENDRIX: "'SCUSE ME WHILE I 'DIS' THIS GUY"!

INCOMING SPEED SQUARED DIVIDED BY ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE--ADD IMPACT ANGLE PLUS ACCELERATION--

COMPUTED...

...EXECUTE!

TO PUT IT IN LAYMAN'S TERMS YOU CAN UNDERSTAND, MECHA-KNUCKLES: "THIS WALLOP WILL SEND YOU DIRECTLY INTO THE HEART OF ROBOTROPOLIS"!

EEEEYOW!

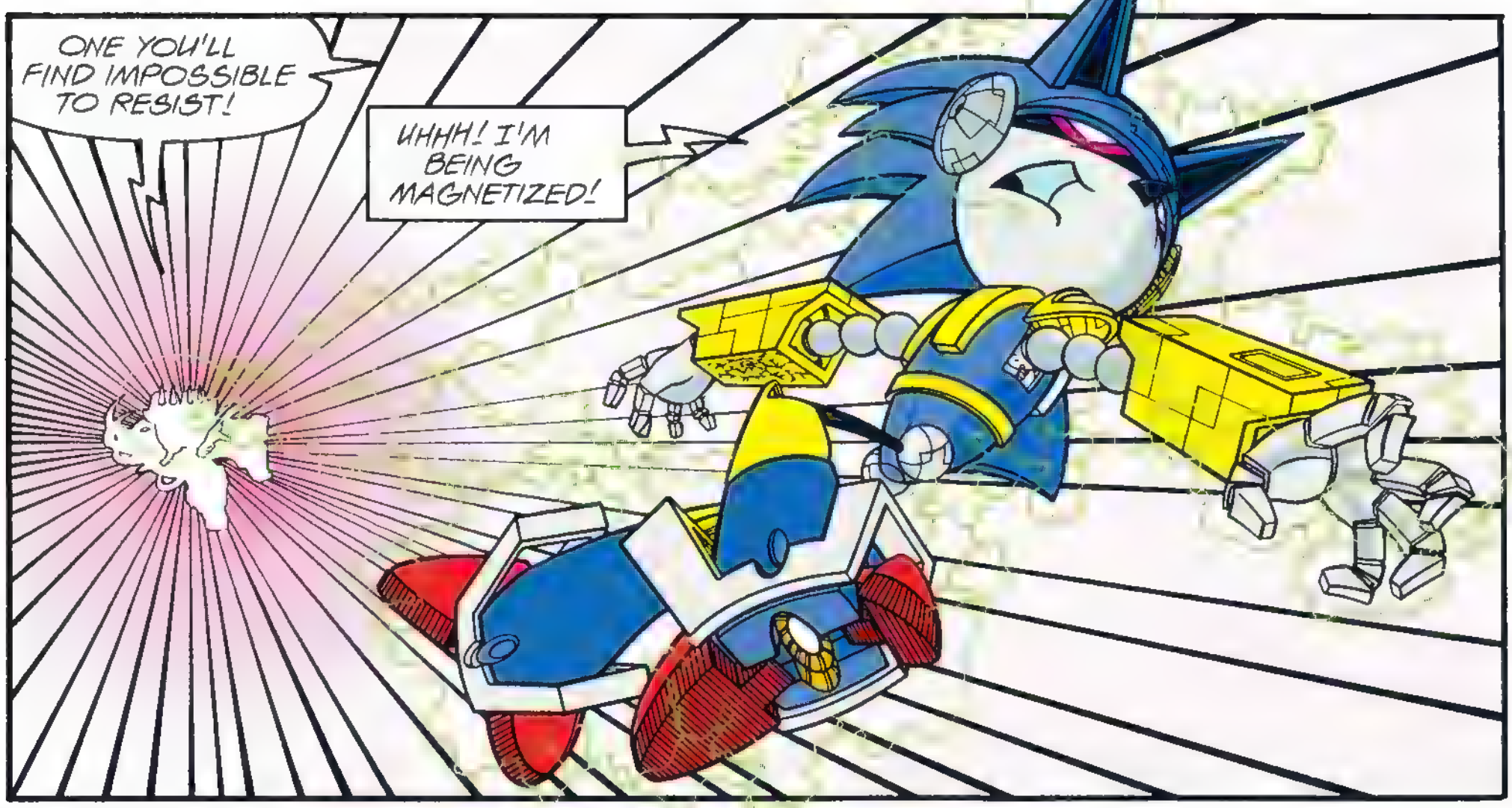
ZAM

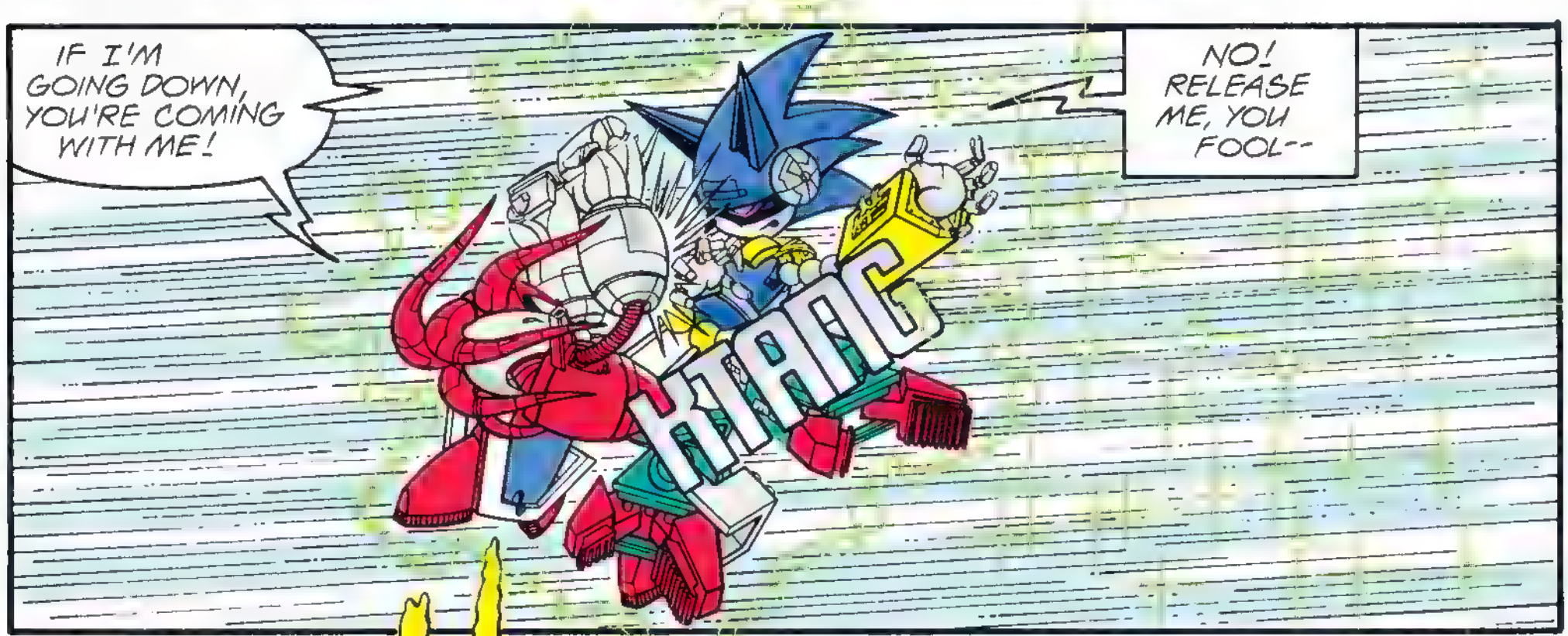
SAY "HELLO" TO THE NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR ME!

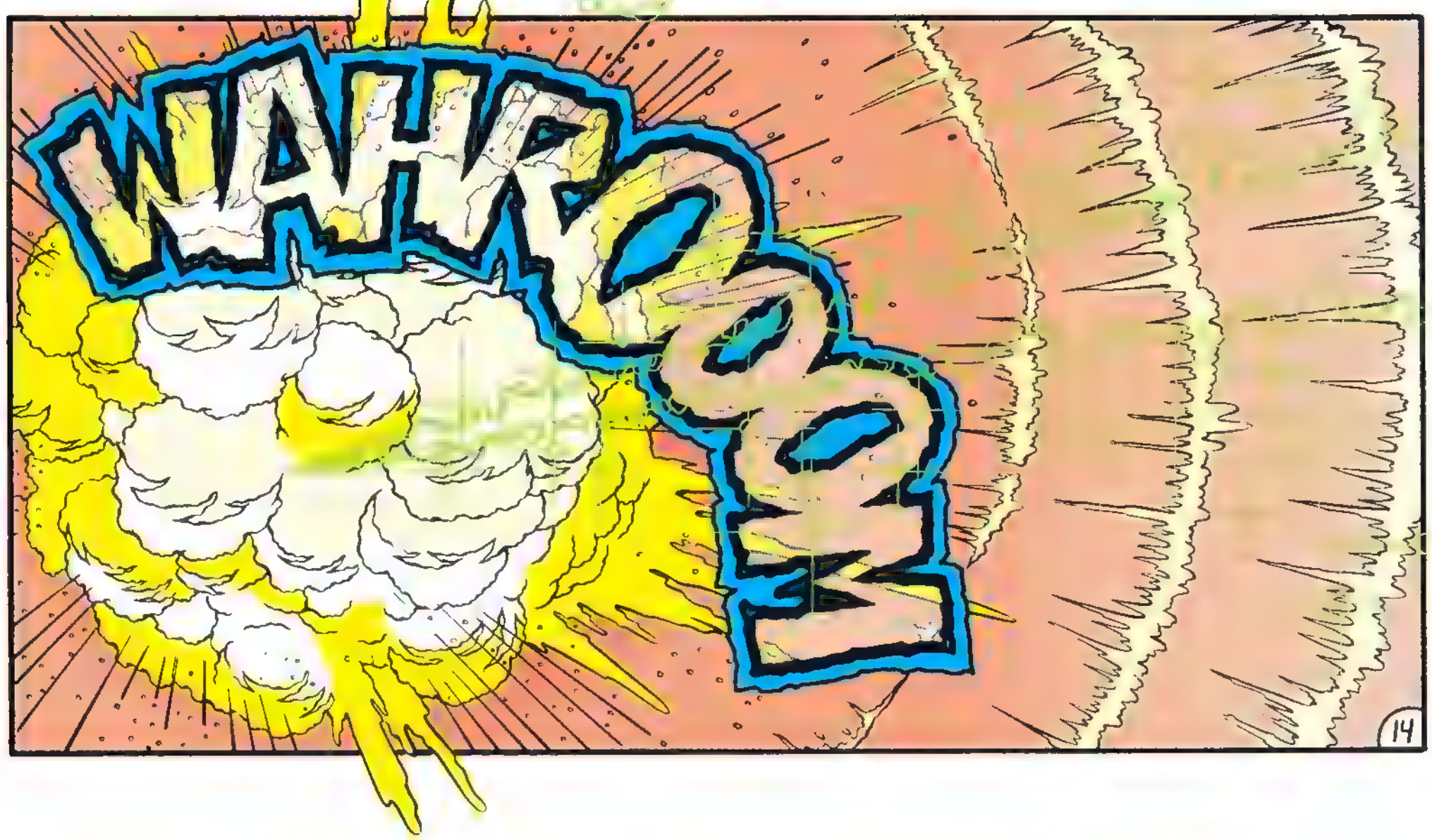
HE'S RIGHT...I'M GONNA HIT THE CITY AT SUBSONIC SPEED... NO WAY TO STOP!

YOUR DESTRUCTION IS ASSURED!

BUT I DON'T LIKE TO TRAVEL ALONE, MECHA-SONIC! BY INVERTING THE POLARITY IN MY CLAWS, I CREATE A MASSIVE MAGNETIC FIELD!


ONE YOU'LL FIND IMPOSSIBLE TO RESIST!
UHHH! I'M BEING MAGNETIZED!


IF I'M GOING DOWN, YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!
NO! RELEASE ME, YOU FOOL--
KLANG


WAKOOM

SONIC™ THE HEDGEHOG...

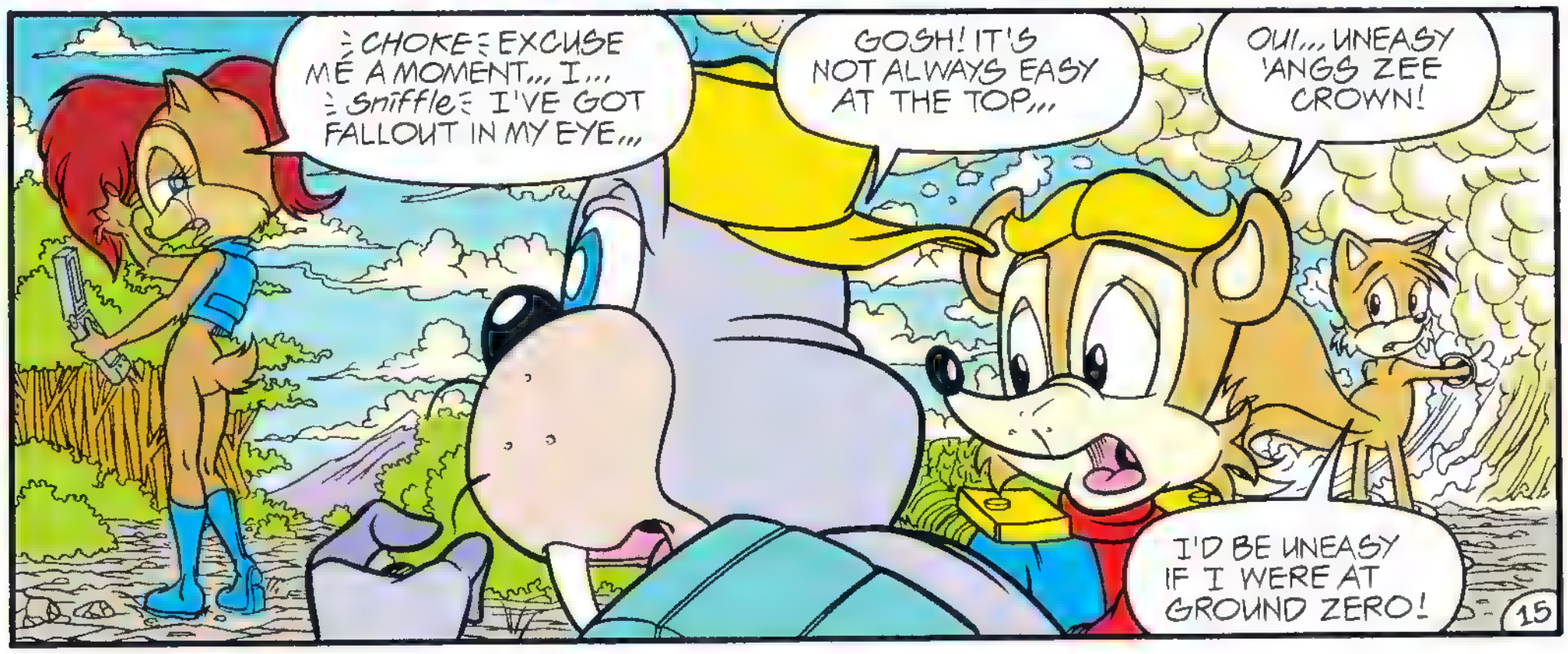
MECHA MADNESS PART III

...COULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED THAT BLAST... EVEN IN HIS MECHANIZED FORM!

I DOUBT M'SIEU ECHIDNA COULD HAVE, EITHER...

INDEED... THE ODDS ARE AGAINST IT.

THEN SONIC... ⸢SOB⸣...AND KNUCKLES ...⸢HUCK⸣



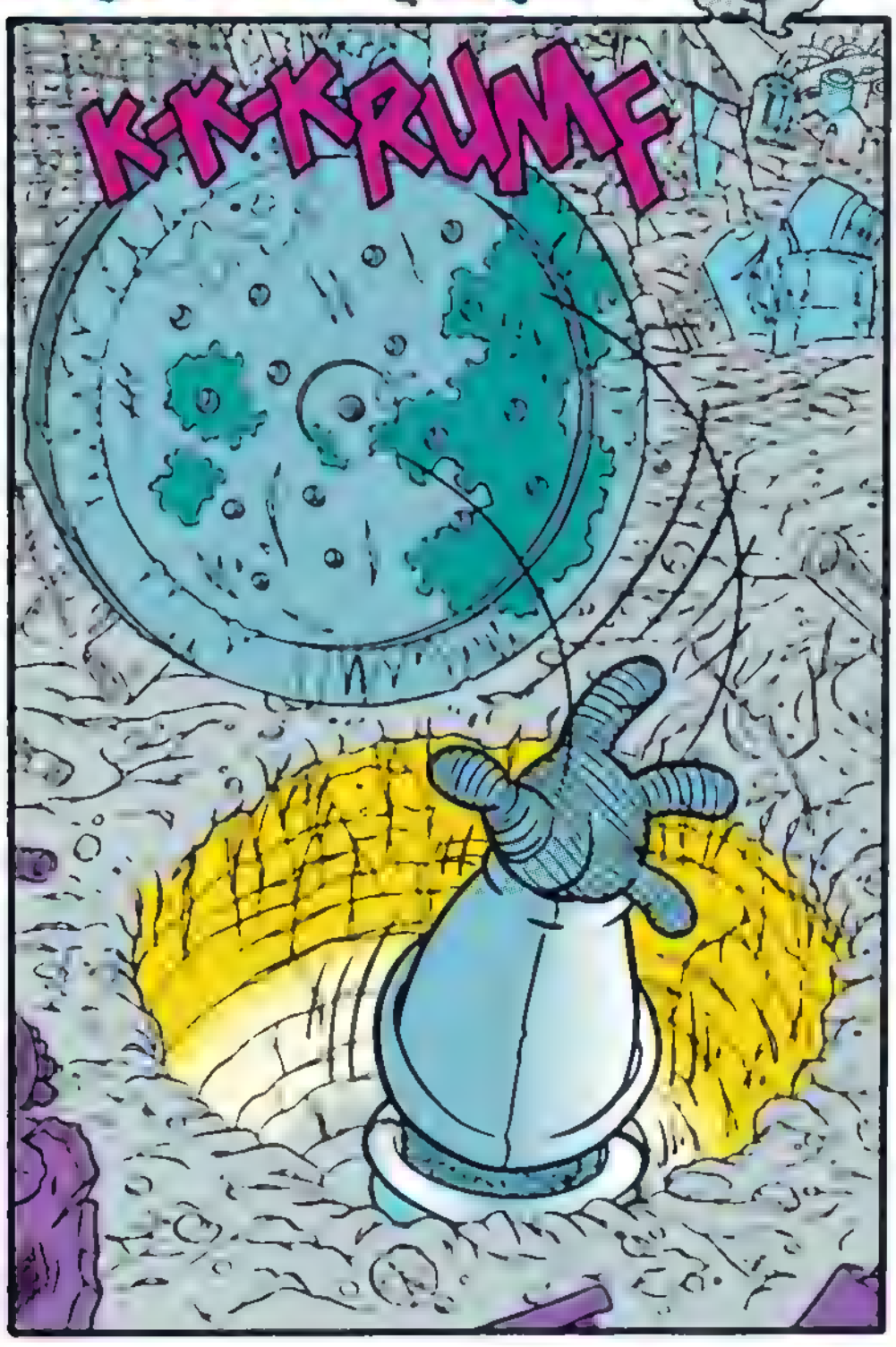
AT THAT MOMENT, GROUND ZERO SMOULDERS... A MASSIVE CRATER IN THE MIDSECTION OF ROBOTROPOLIS SIZZLES WITH RADIATION.

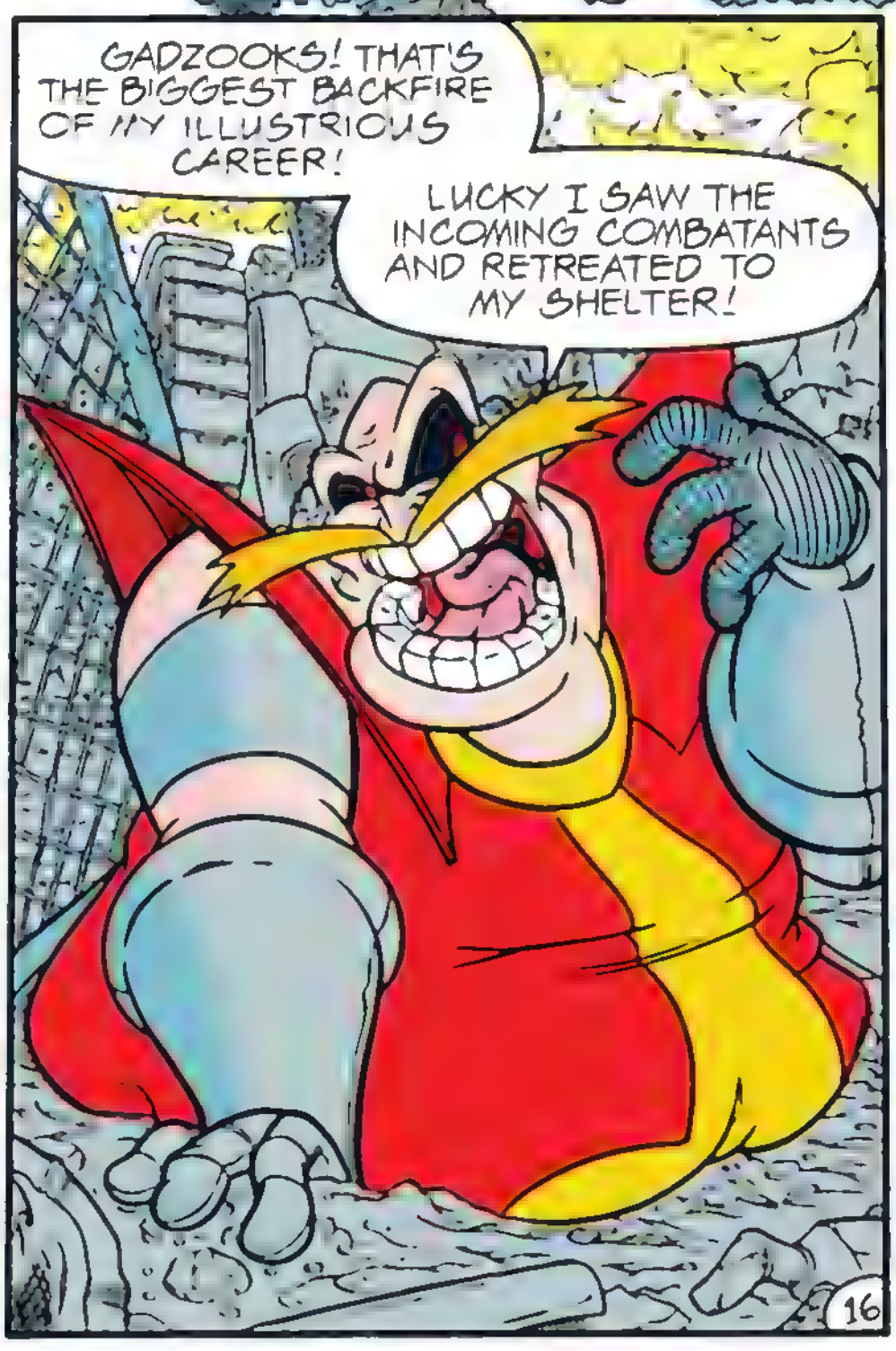
SWATBOTS WERE VAPORIZED. FACTORIES AND TOXIC TRASH REDUCED TO MOLTEN SLAG. THE AIR IS FILLED WITH POISONS.

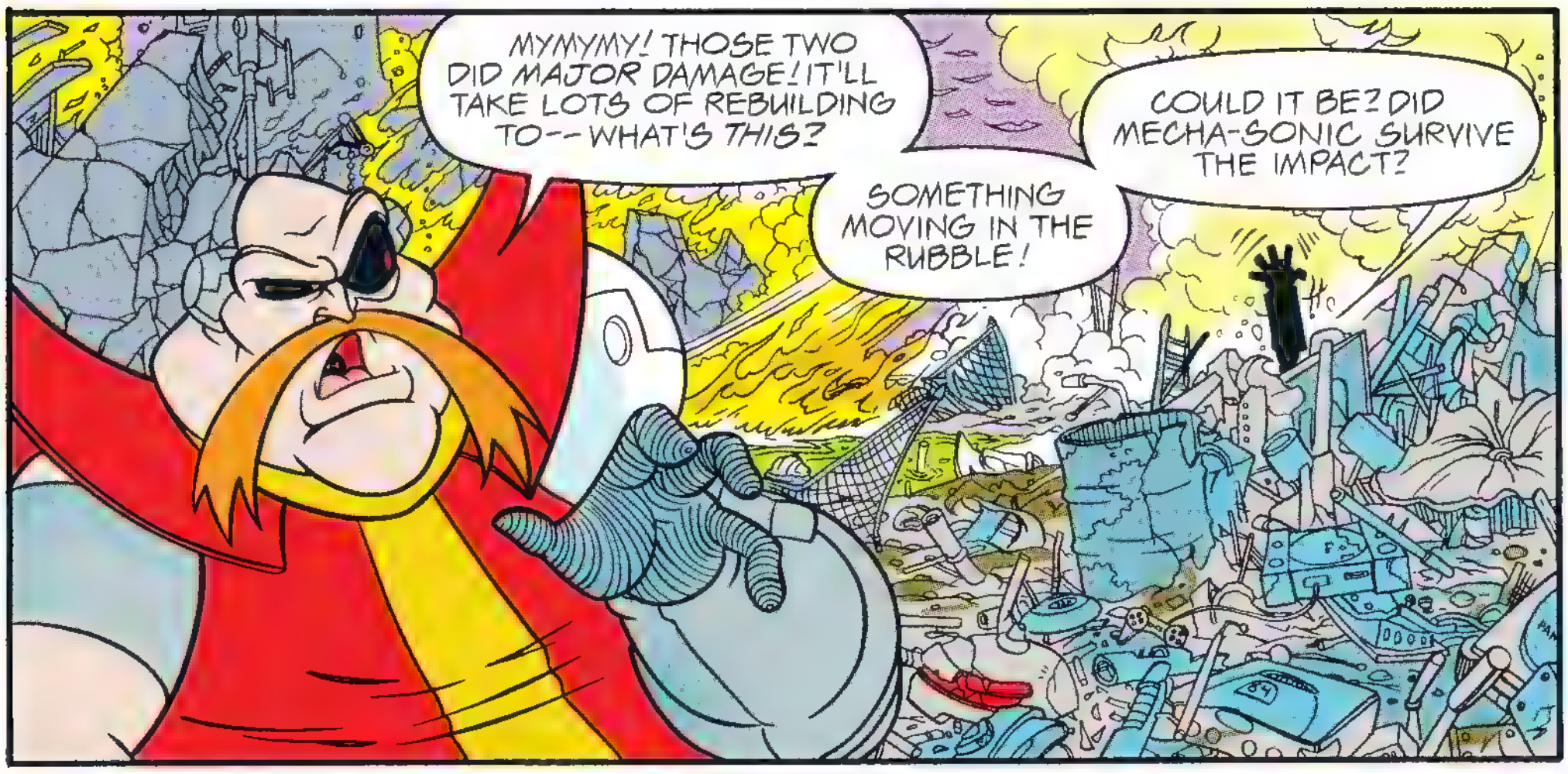
THE EERIE SILENCE IS SUDDENLY BROKEN.

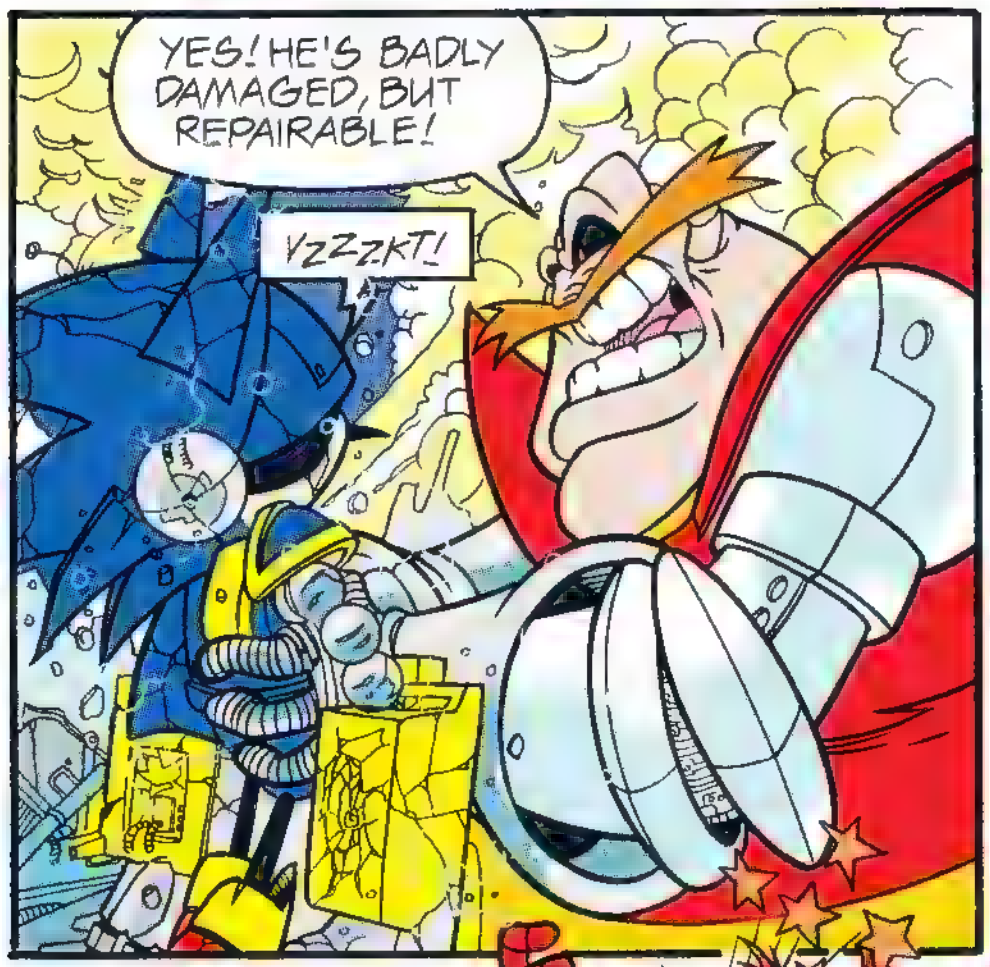
SFD

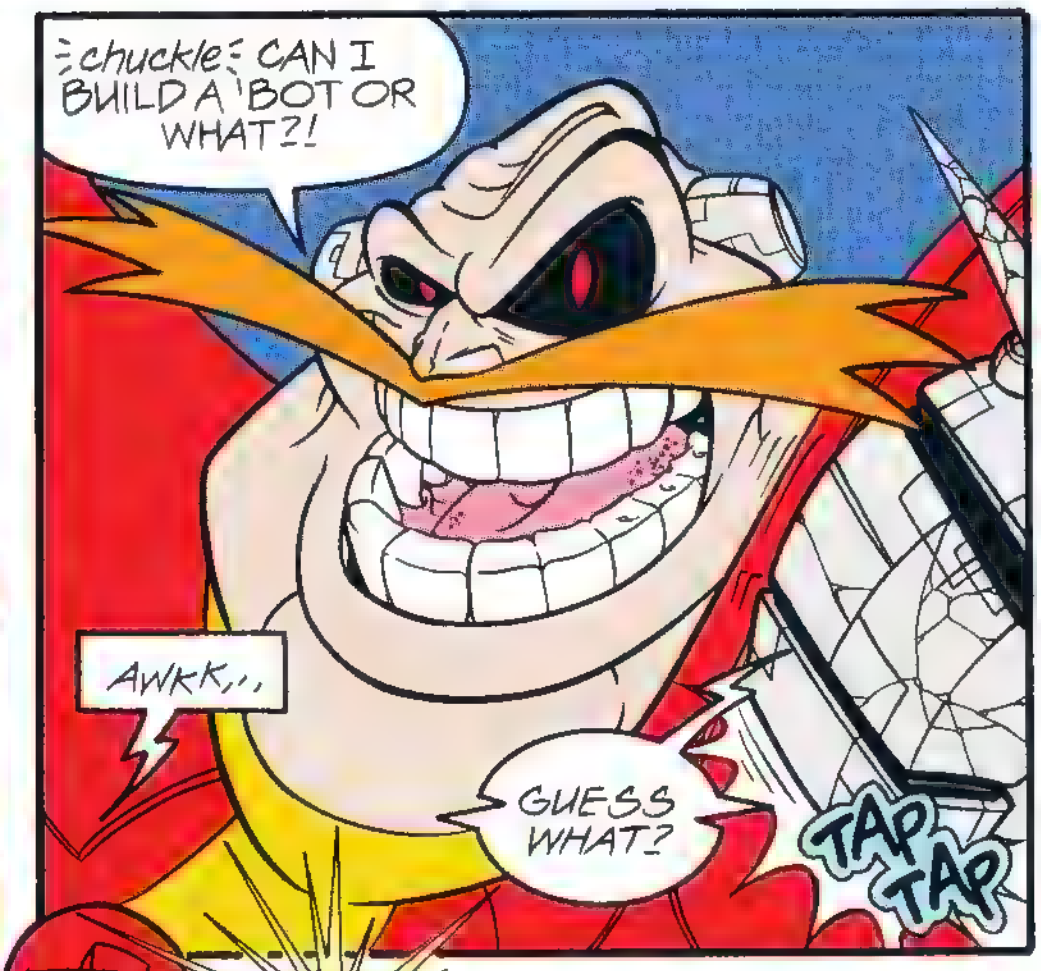
CREEEEAK



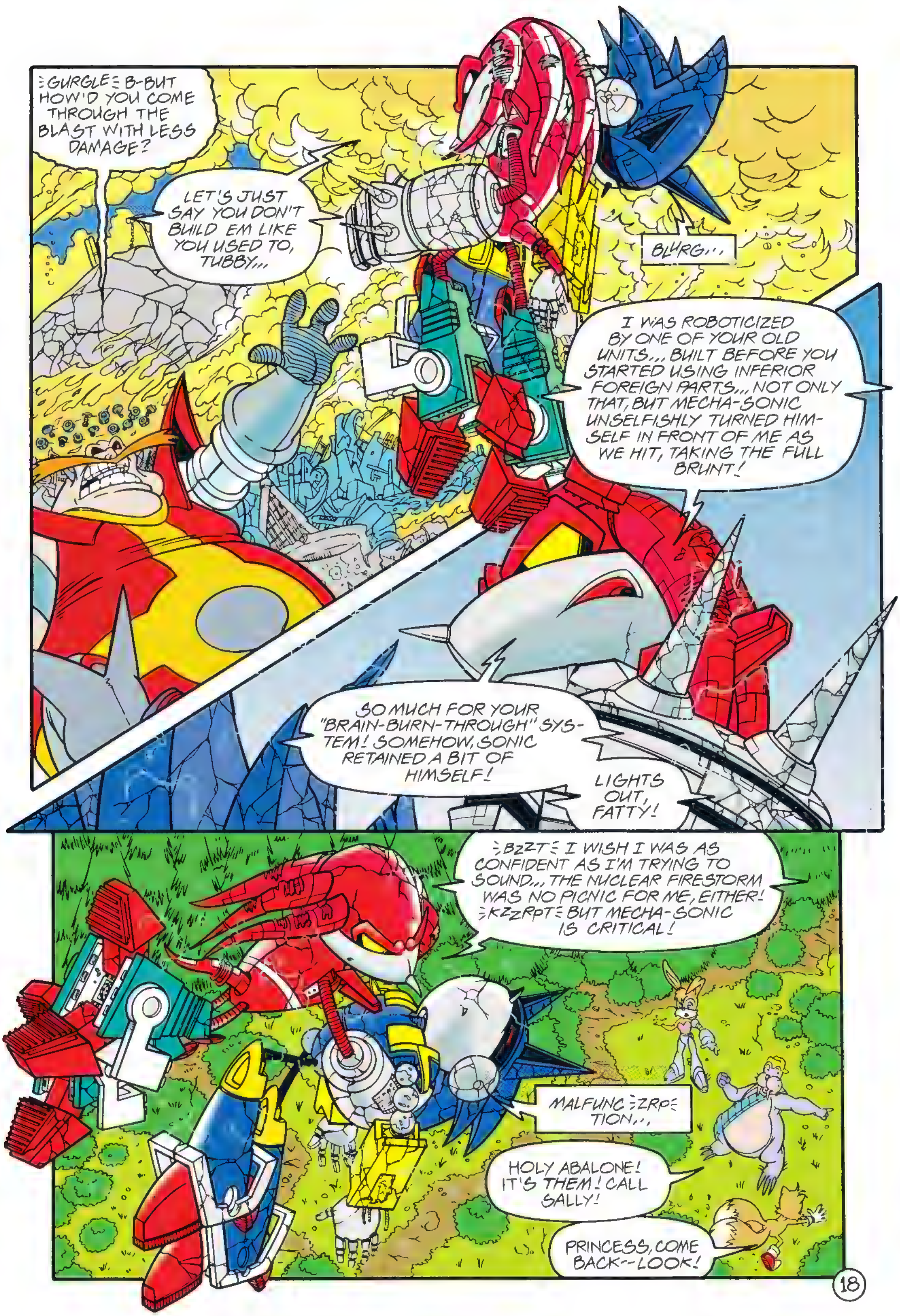



MYMYMY! THOSE TWO DID MAJOR DAMAGE! IT'LL TAKE LOTS OF REBUILDING TO--WHAT'S THIS?
SOMETHING MOVING IN THE RUBBLE!
COULD IT BE? DID MECHA-SONIC SURVIVE THE IMPACT?


YES! HE'S BADLY DAMAGED, BUT REPAIRABLE!
VZZZKT!


:chuckle: CAN I BUILD A 'BOT OR WHAT?!
AWKK...
GUESS WHAT?
TAP TAP

WHOOOG!
BONG
I SURVIVED THE BATTLE, TOO! THEN IT OCCURRED TO ME--OUR FIGHT SCENE DIDN'T HAVE THE REQUIRED HEAD-BUTT!


GURGLE B-BUT HOW'D YOU COME THROUGH THE BLAST WITH LESS DAMAGE?
LET'S JUST SAY YOU DON'T BUILD EM LIKE YOU USED TO, TUBBY...
BLURG...
I WAS ROBOTICIZED BY ONE OF YOUR OLD UNITS... BUILT BEFORE YOU STARTED USING INFERIOR FOREIGN PARTS... NOT ONLY THAT, BUT MECHA-SONIC UNSELFISHLY TURNED HIMSELF IN FRONT OF ME AS WE HIT, TAKING THE FULL BRUNT!
SO MUCH FOR YOUR "BRAIN-BURN-THROUGH" SYSTEM! SOMEHOW, SONIC RETAINED A BIT OF HIMSELF!
LIGHTS OUT, FATTY!
BZZT I WISH I WAS AS CONFIDENT AS I'M TRYING TO SOUND... THE NUCLEAR FIRESTORM WAS NO PICNIC FOR ME, EITHER! KZZRPT BUT MECHA-SONIC IS CRITICAL!
MALFUNC ZRP TION...
HOLY ABALONE! IT'S THEM! CALL SALLY!
PRINCESS, COME BACK--LOOK!

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG...
MECHA MADNESS
PART 3
...IS ALIVE? OR AT LEAST MECHA-SONIC IS? Oh, KNUCKLES, YOU DID IT!
MAYBE, SAL OLD GAL... YOUR BOYFRIEND'S IN BAD SHAPE!
I'LL SAY!
HMF!
BZZZZZZT! CLICK!
PSSH
C'MERE, YOU GREAT BIG HUNK OF ECHIDNA...
OOF! EASY KID... I'M DAMAGED GOODS, TOO!
CLIK
CONFIRMED... MECHA-KNUCKLES' TOLERANCE LEVELS BEYOND MAXIMUM. DANGER OF BURNOUT.
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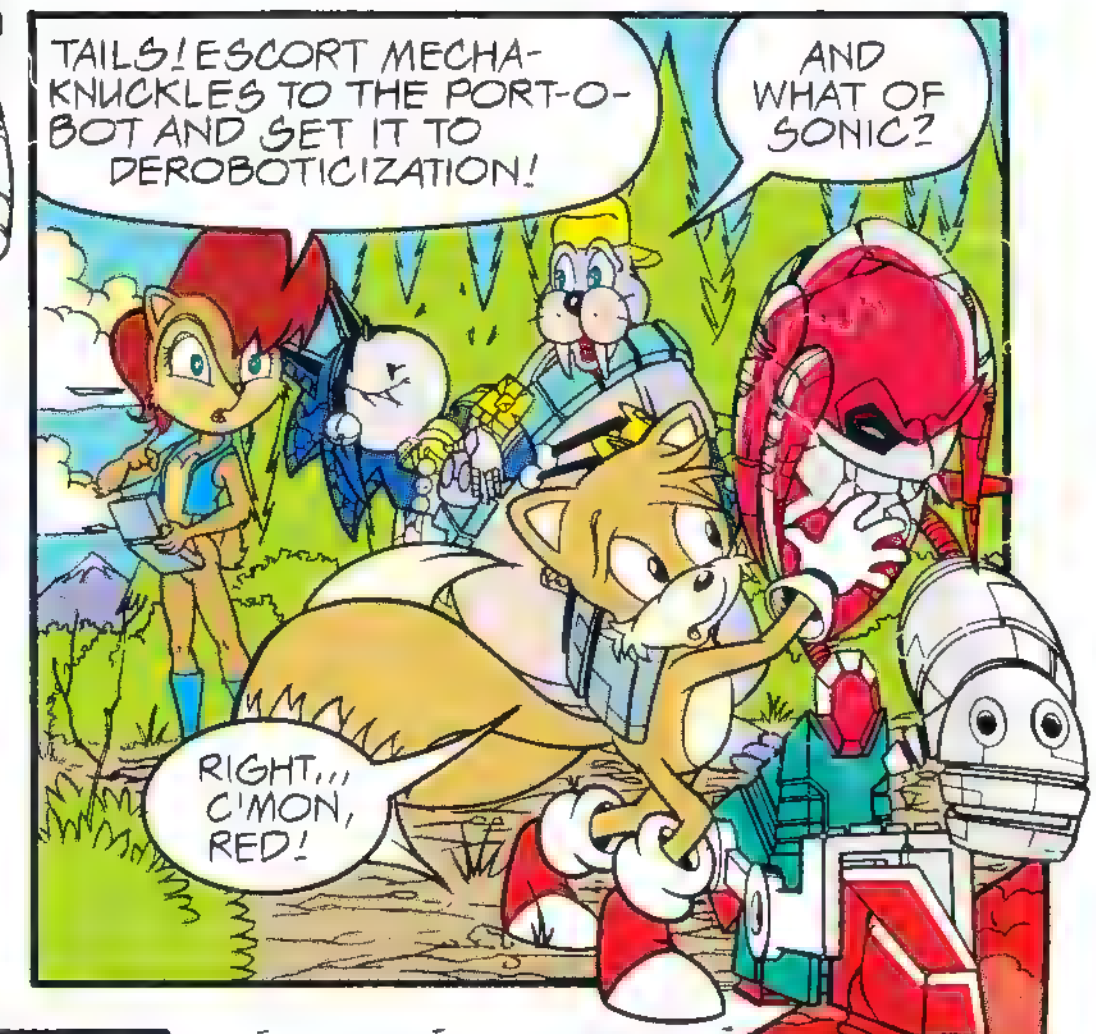
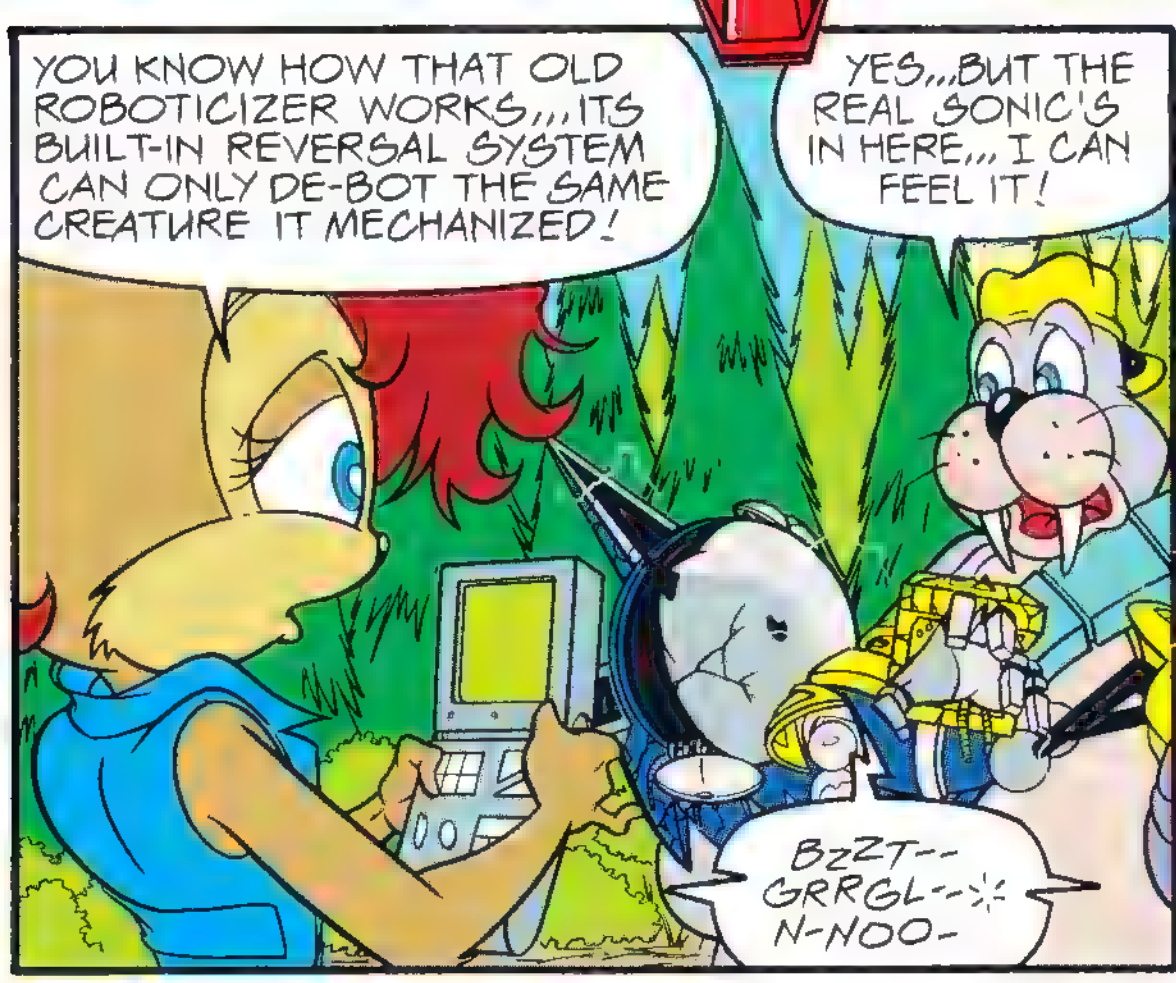
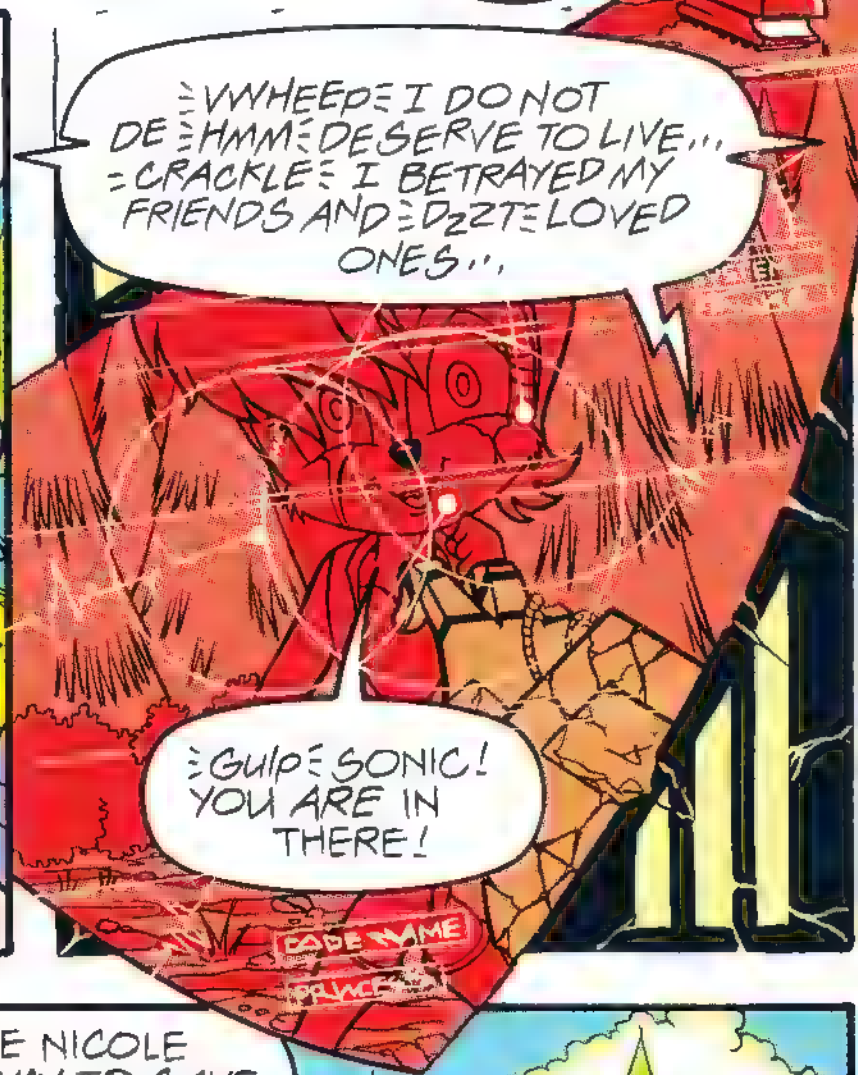
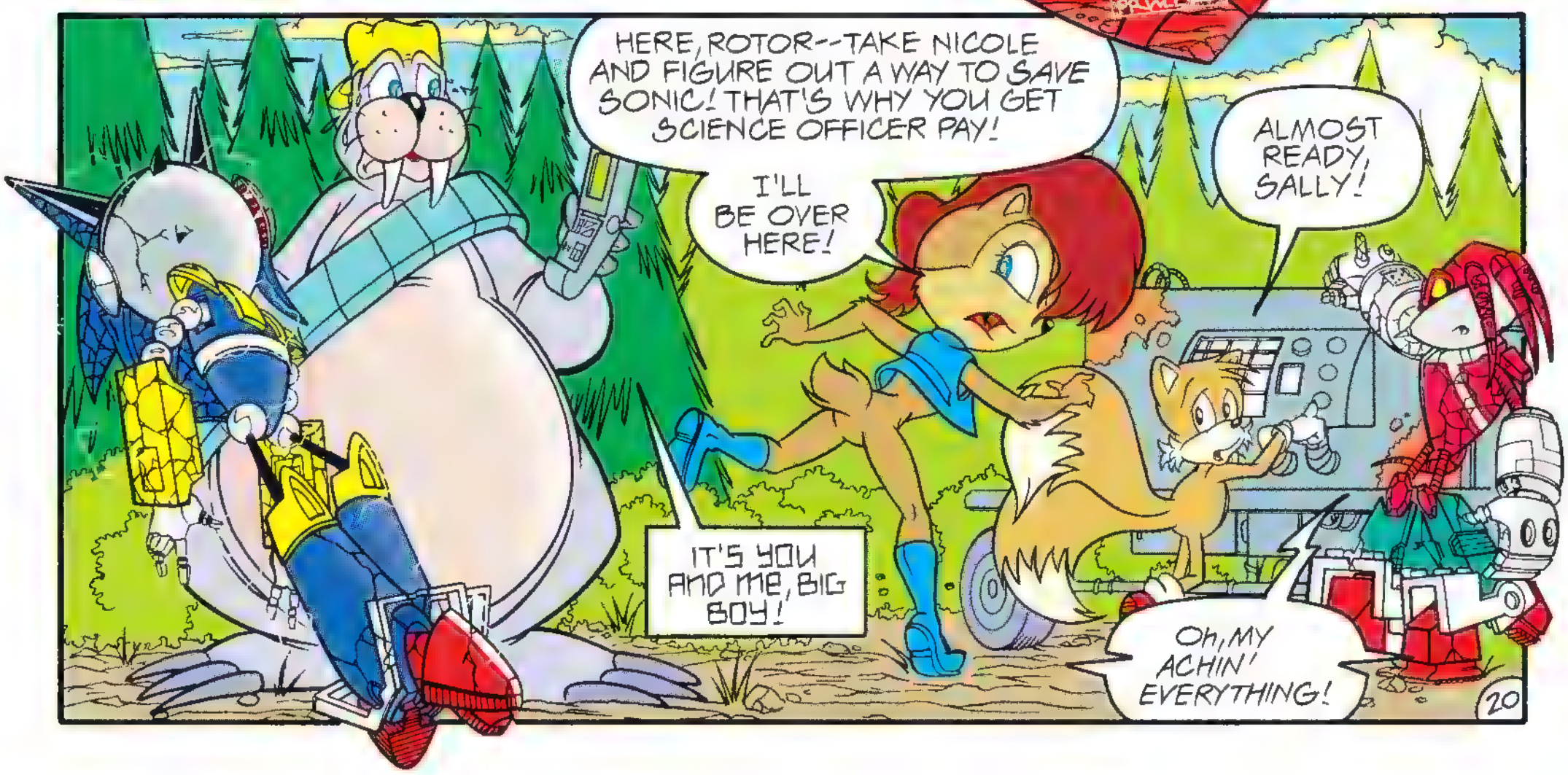
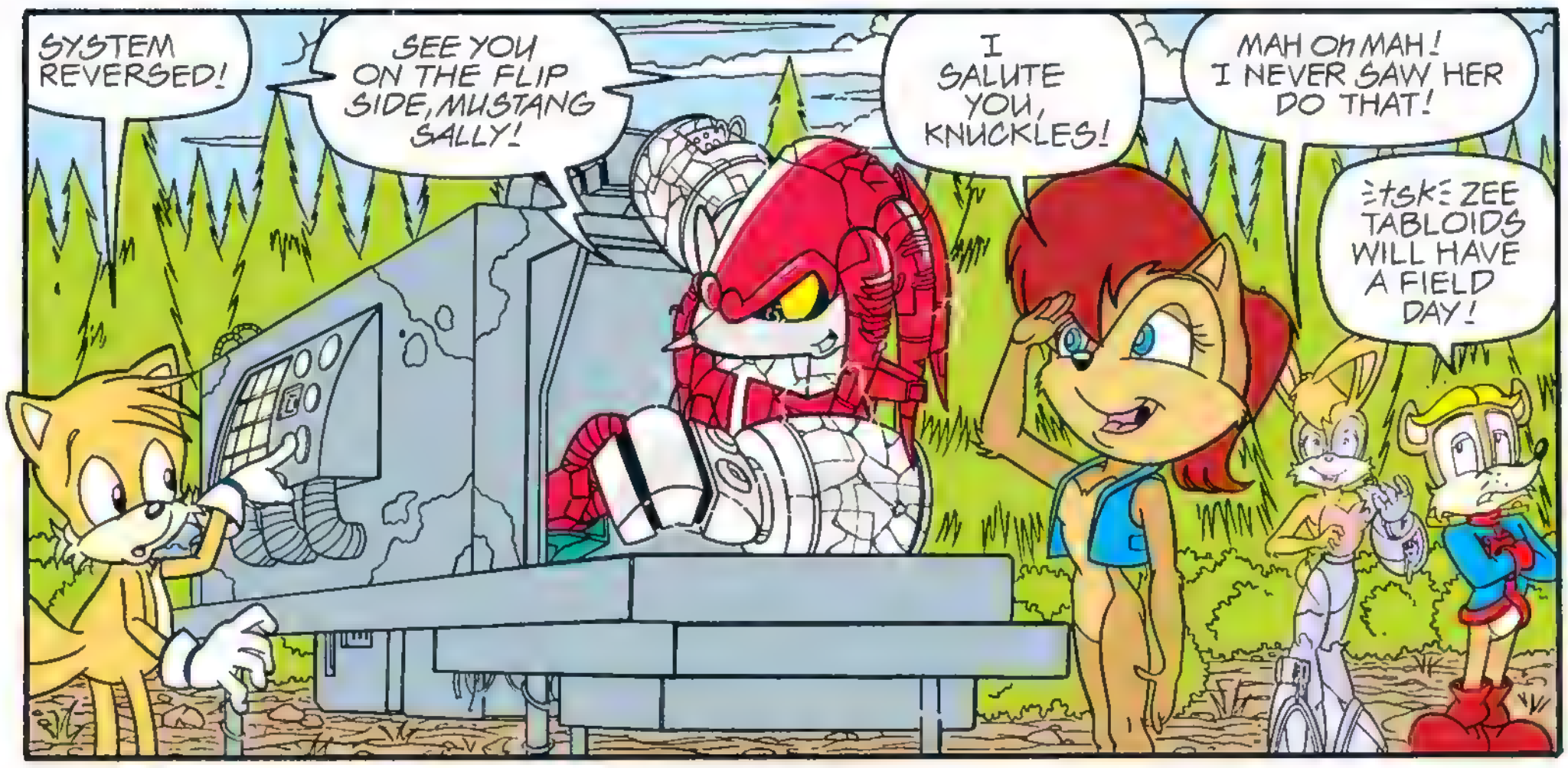
WOO-HA! I'M HEARING VOICES...
THAT'S MY COMPUTER, NICOLE ...AND SHE'S RIGHT ABOUT YOU!

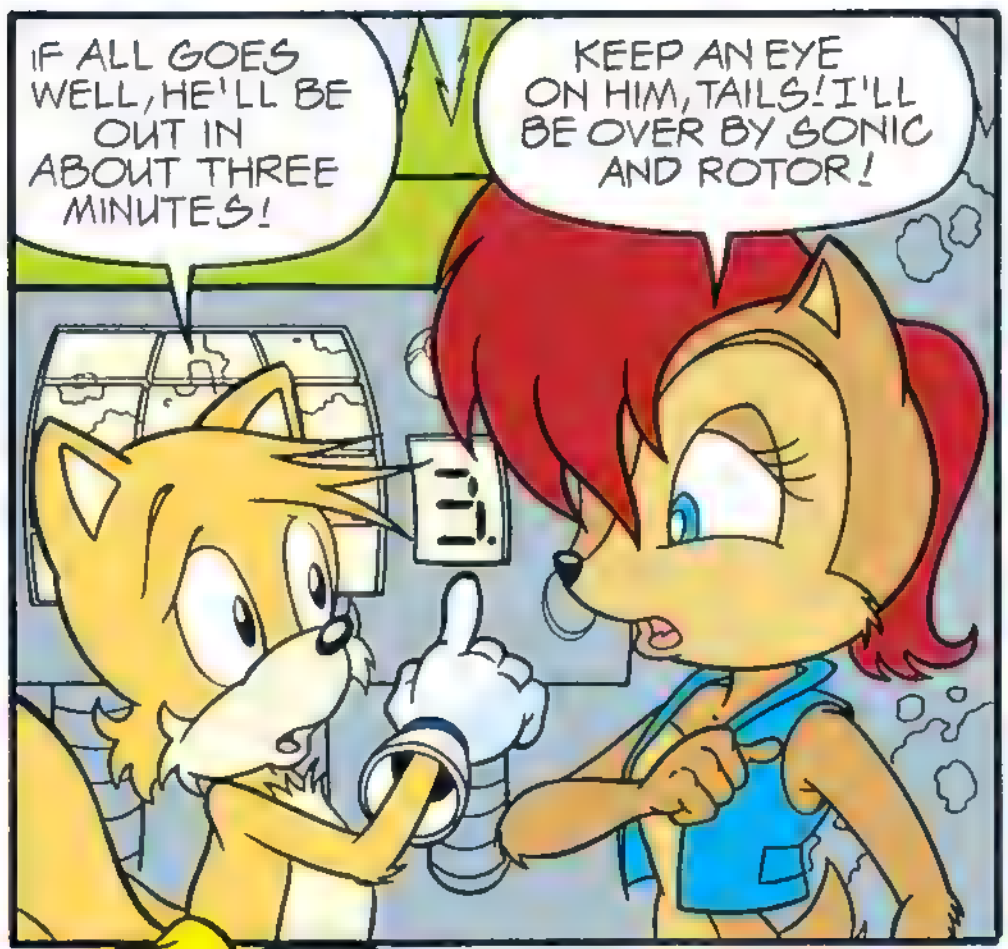

TAILS! ESCORT MECHA-KNUCKLES TO THE PORT-O-BOT AND SET IT TO DEROBOTICIZATION!
AND WHAT OF SONIC?
RIGHT... C'MON, RED!

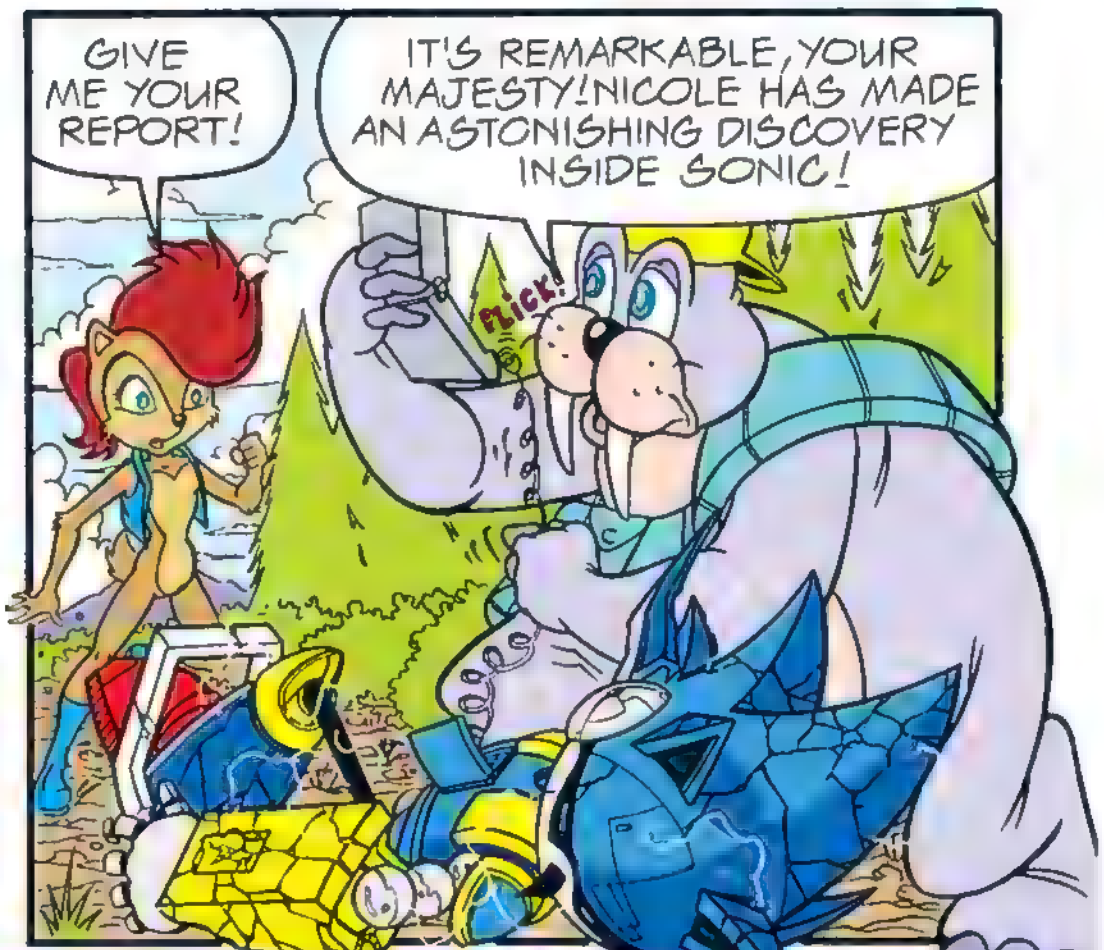

YOU KNOW HOW THAT OLD ROBOTICIZER WORKS... ITS BUILT-IN REVERSAL SYSTEM CAN ONLY DE-BOT THE SAME CREATURE IT MECHANIZED!
YES... BUT THE REAL SONIC'S IN HERE... I CAN FEEL IT!
BZZT-- GRRGL-- N-NOO-

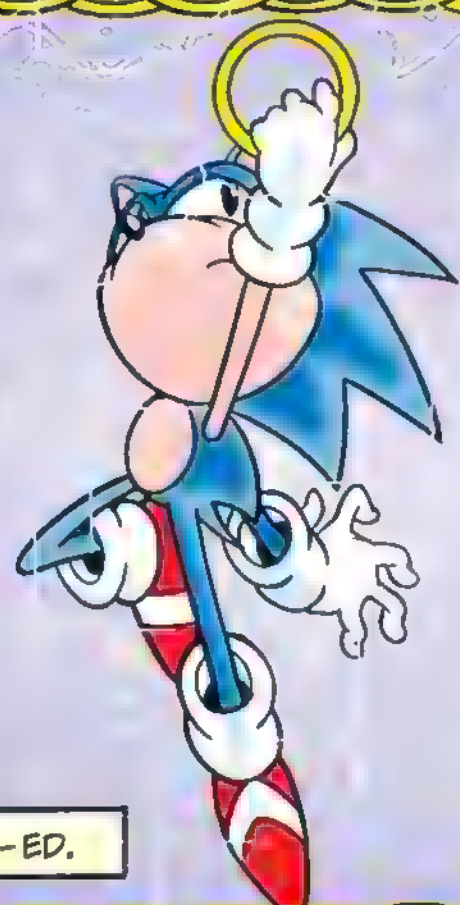

VWHEEP I DO NOT DE HMM DESERVE TO LIVE... CRACKLE I BETRAYED MY FRIENDS AND DZZT LOVED ONES...
GULP SONIC! YOU ARE IN THERE!


HERE, ROTOR--TAKE NICOLE AND FIGURE OUT A WAY TO SAVE SONIC! THAT'S WHY YOU GET SCIENCE OFFICER PAY!
I'LL BE OVER HERE!
IT'S YOU AND ME, BIG BOY!
ALMOST READY, SALLY!
OH, MY ACHIN' EVERYTHING!









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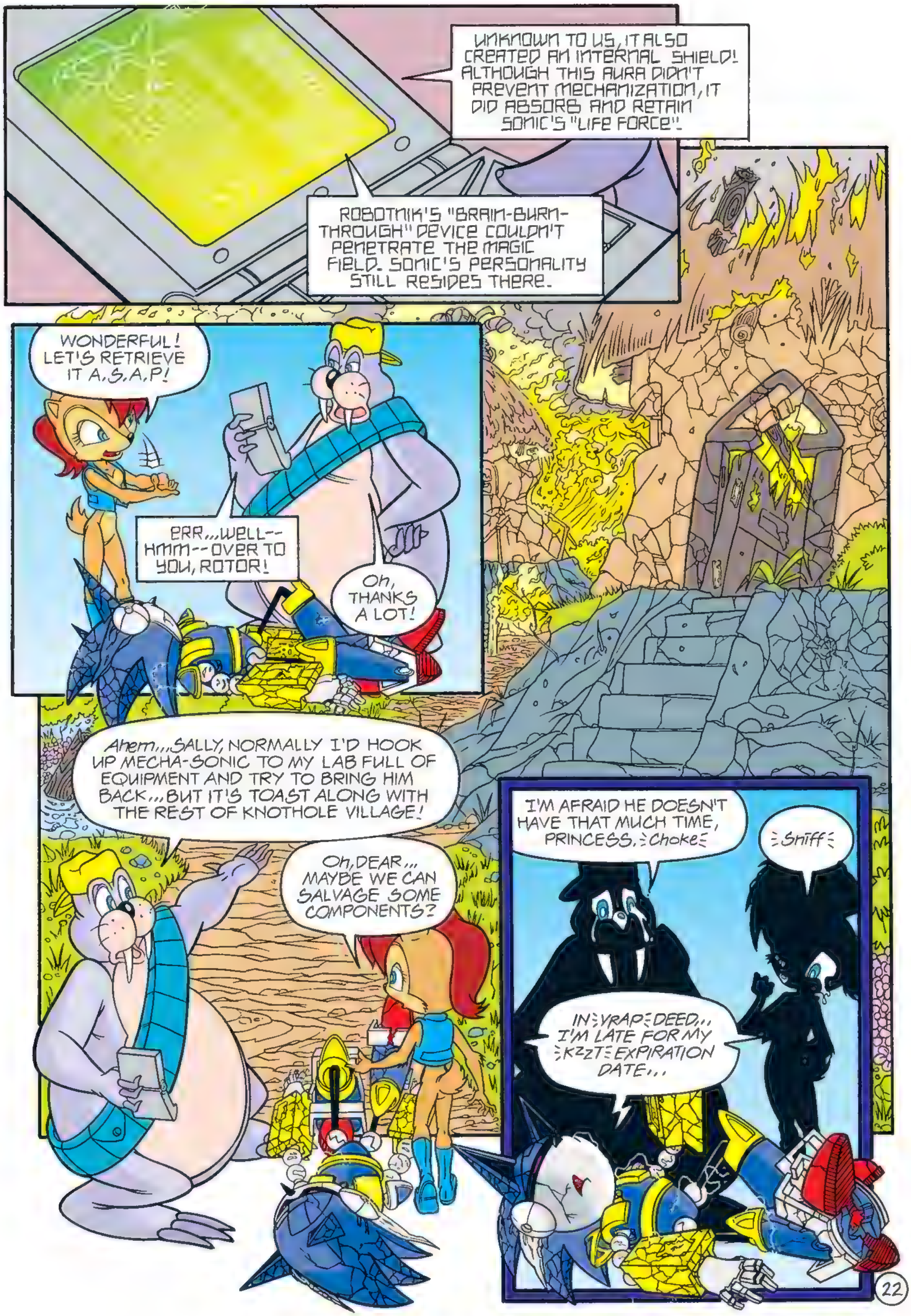
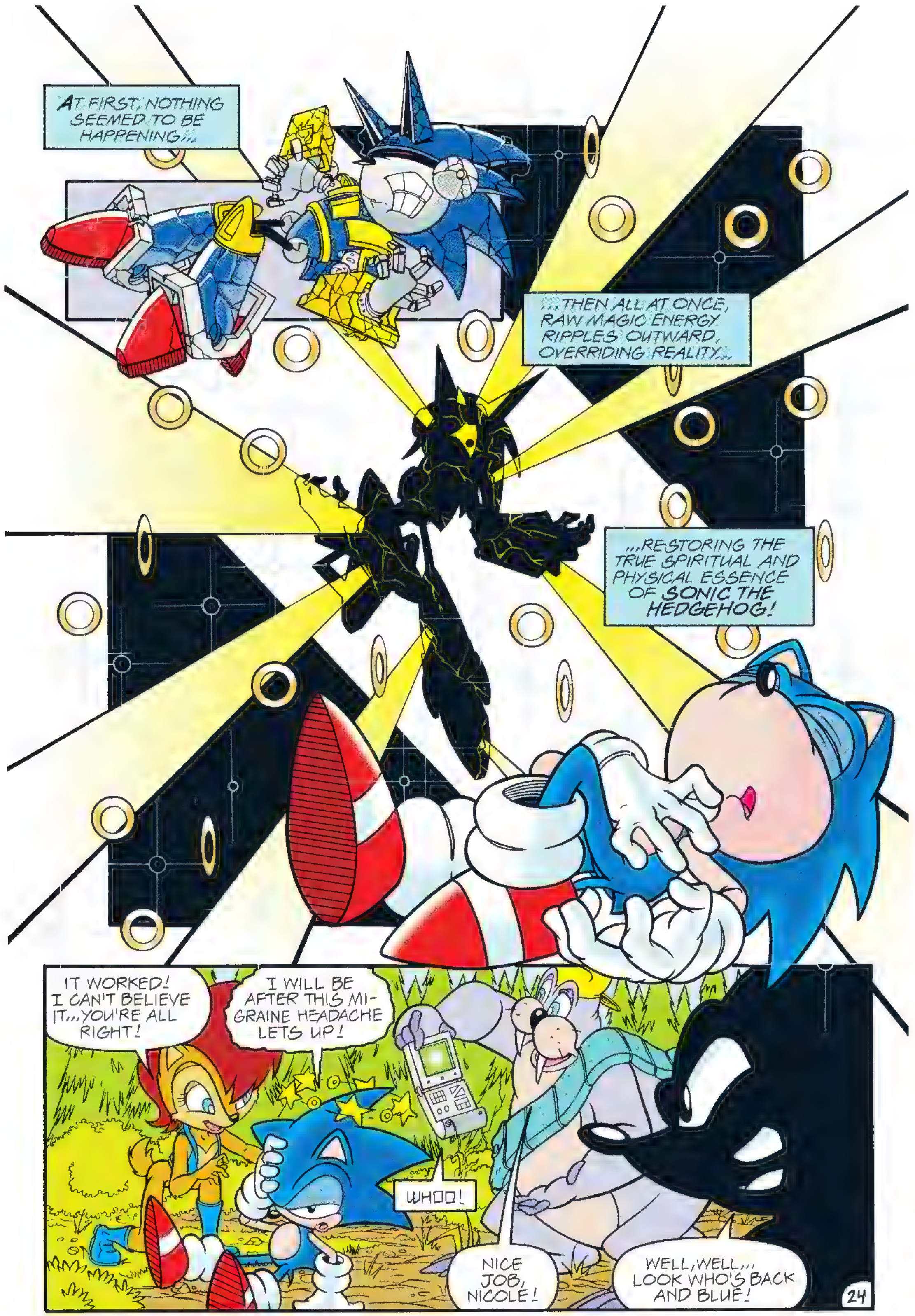
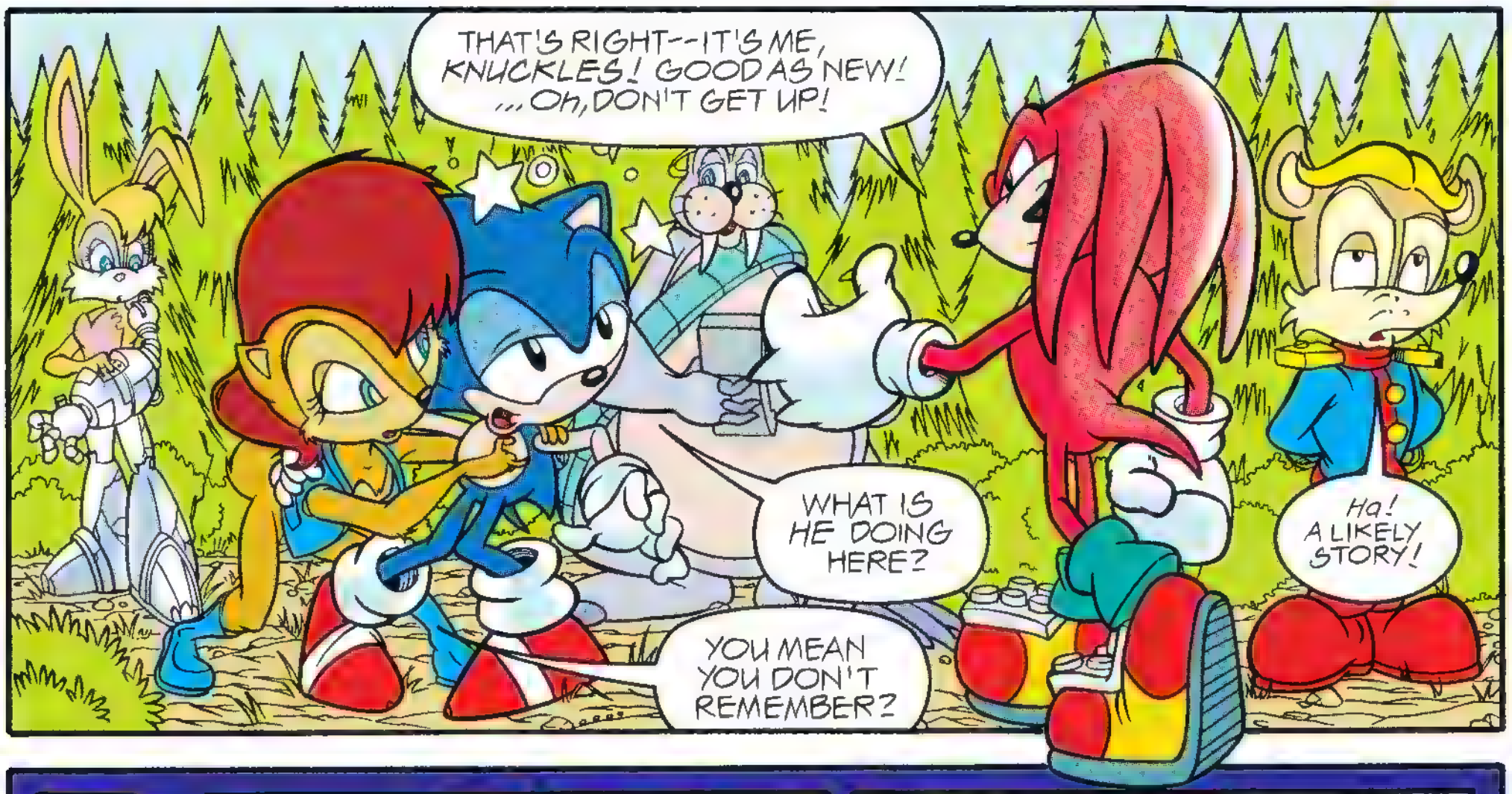
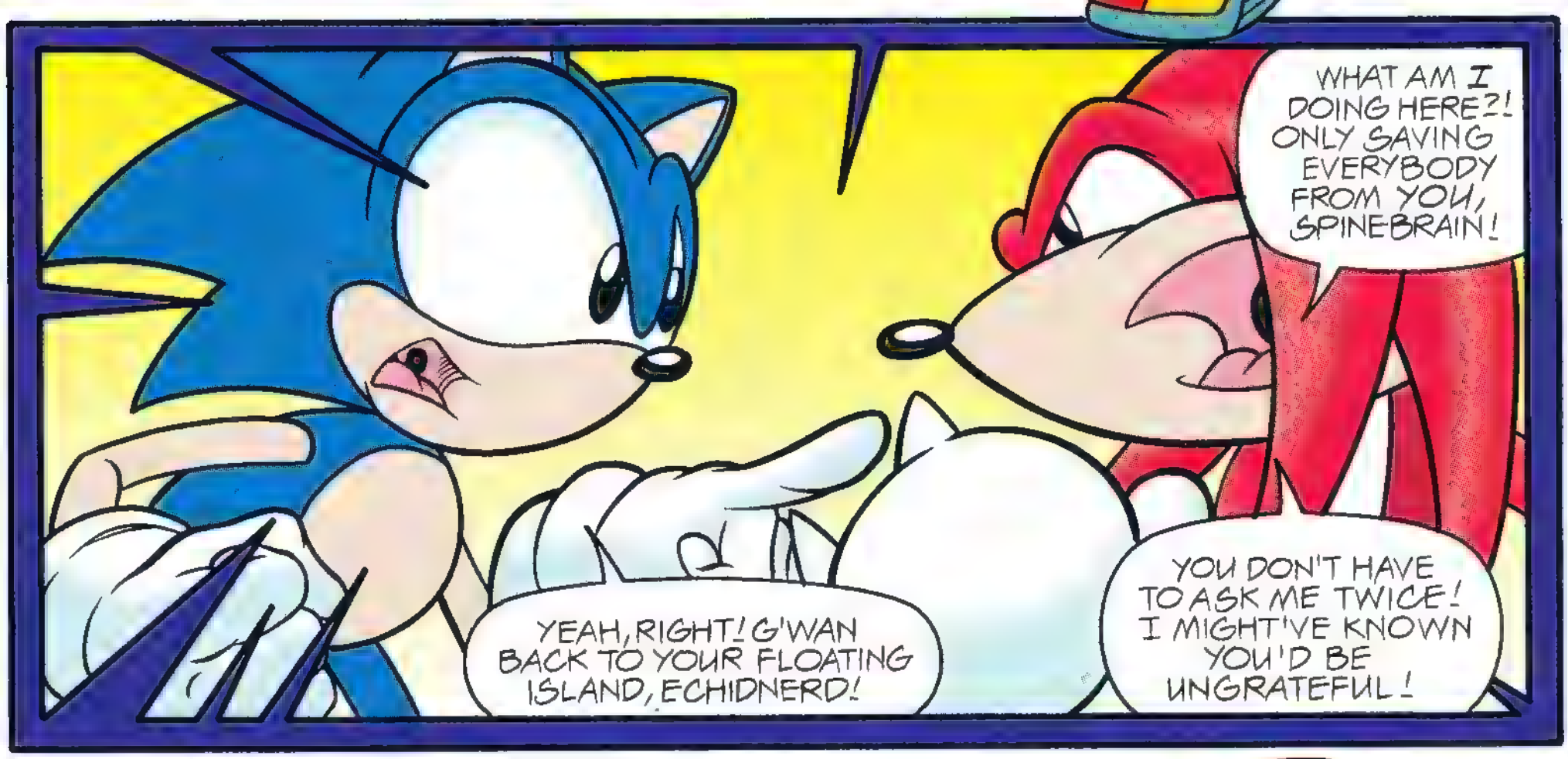
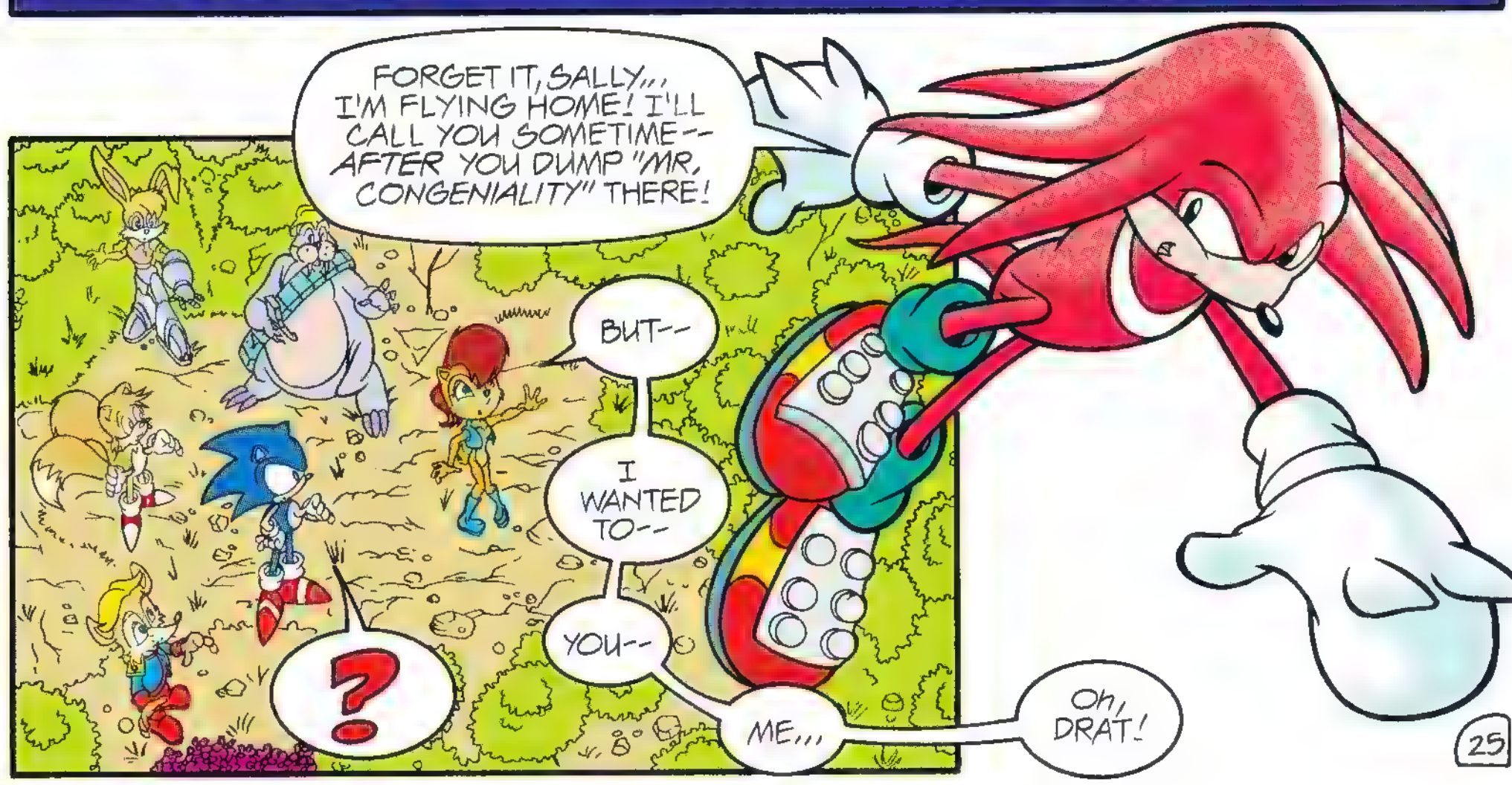

UNKNOWN TO US, IT ALSO CREATED AN INTERNAL SHIELD! ALTHOUGH THIS AURA DIDN'T PREVENT MECHANIZATION, IT DID ABSORB AND RETAIN SONIC'S "LIFE FORCE".
ROBOTNIK'S "BRAIN-BURN-THROUGH" DEVICE COULDN'T PENETRATE THE MAGIC FIELD. SONIC'S PERSONALITY STILL RESIDES THERE.
WONDERFUL! LET'S RETRIEVE IT A.S.A.P!
ERR...WELL-- HMM--OVER TO YOU, ROTOR!
OH, THANKS A LOT!
Ahem...SALLY, NORMALLY I'D HOOK UP MECHA-SONIC TO MY LAB FULL OF EQUIPMENT AND TRY TO BRING HIM BACK...BUT IT'S TOAST ALONG WITH THE REST OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!
OH, DEAR... MAYBE WE CAN SALVAGE SOME COMPONENTS?
I'M AFRAID HE DOESN'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME, PRINCESS. ⸗Choke⸗
⸗Sniff⸗
IN ⸗VRAP⸗ DEED... I'M LATE FOR MY ⸗KZZT⸗ EXPIRATION DATE...

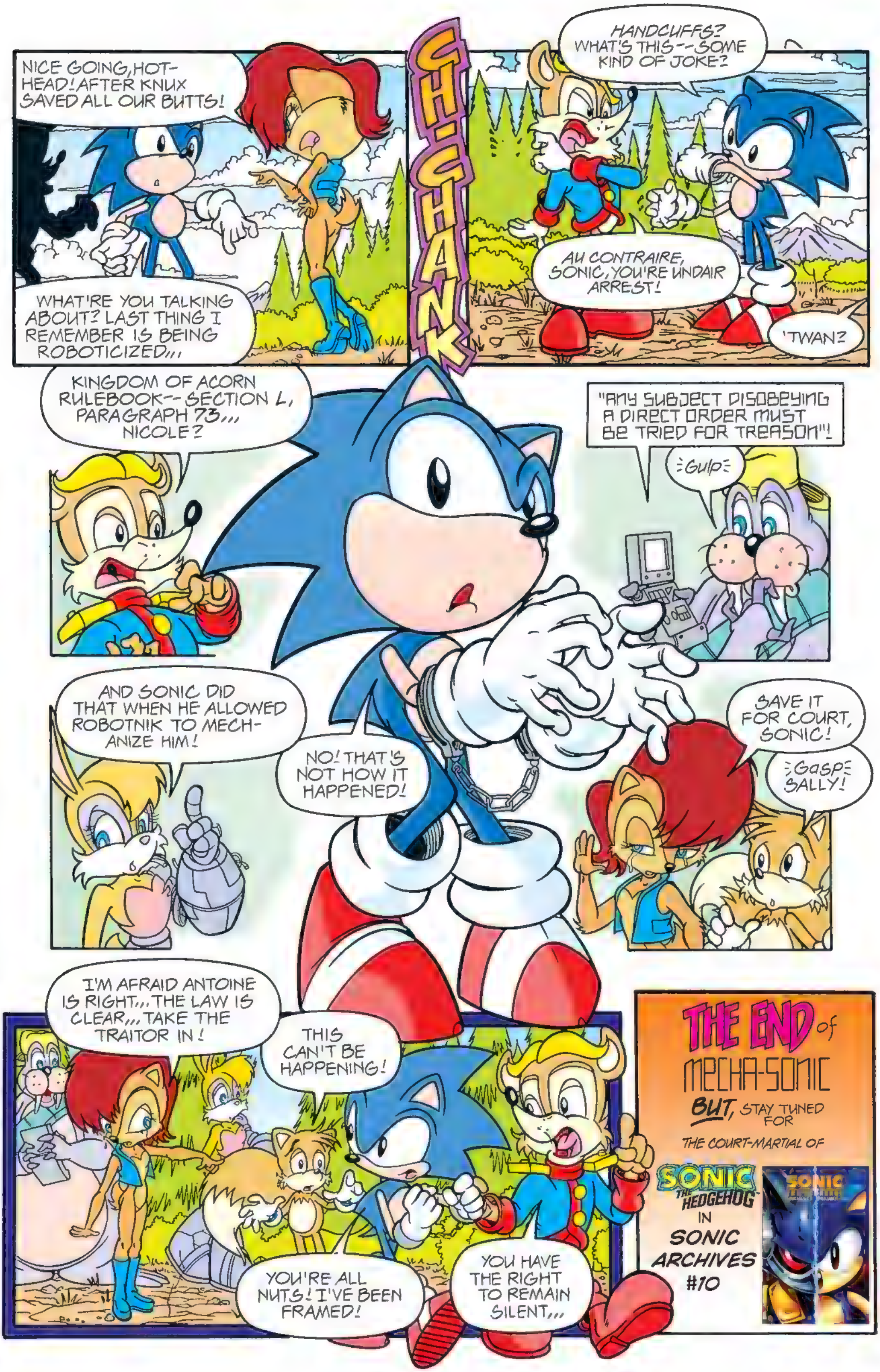
YOUR HIGHNESS, I HAVE THE DATA... PLUG ME INTO MECHA-SONIC AND I'LL TRY TO INSTIGATE THE RETRO-PROCEDURE!
CAN SHE DO THAT, ROTOR?
I DOUBT IT, SALLY... THE REQUIRED ENERGY WOULD--
HEY!
OW!
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, PRINCESS... CATCH ME!
NICOLE?
LOOK--MACHINES ARE ALWAYS GETTING A BAD RAP AROUND HERE... LET ME TRY! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
Hmm--
VERY WELL, MY LOYAL COMPUTER IT'S UP TO YOU-- GO FOR IT!
KYMMM
ACKNOWLEDGED!
INTERNAL RING CRUST ACCESSED... SYSTEM LINKAGE ALIGNED... OUTPUT TO MAXIMUM--
ENGAGE!


AT FIRST, NOTHING SEEMED TO BE HAPPENING...
...THEN ALL AT ONCE, RAW MAGIC ENERGY RIPPLES OUTWARD, OVERRIDING REALITY...
...RESTORING THE TRUE SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL ESSENCE OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
IT WORKED! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
I WILL BE AFTER THIS MI-GRAINE HEADACHE LETS UP!
WHOO!
NICE JOB, NICOLE!
WELL, WELL... LOOK WHO'S BACK AND BLUE!

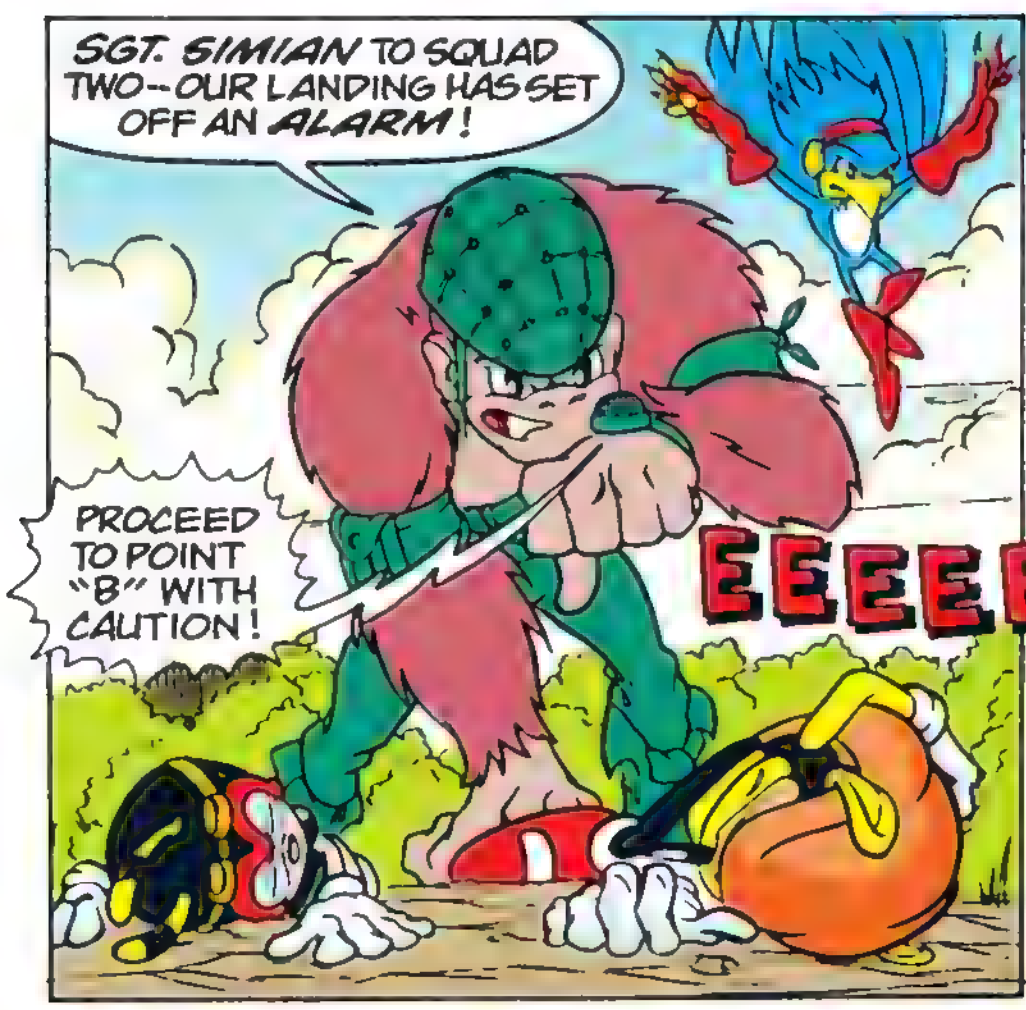

THAT'S RIGHT--IT'S ME, KNUCKLES! GOOD AS NEW! ...OH, DON'T GET UP!
WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?
YOU MEAN YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
HA! A LIKELY STORY!

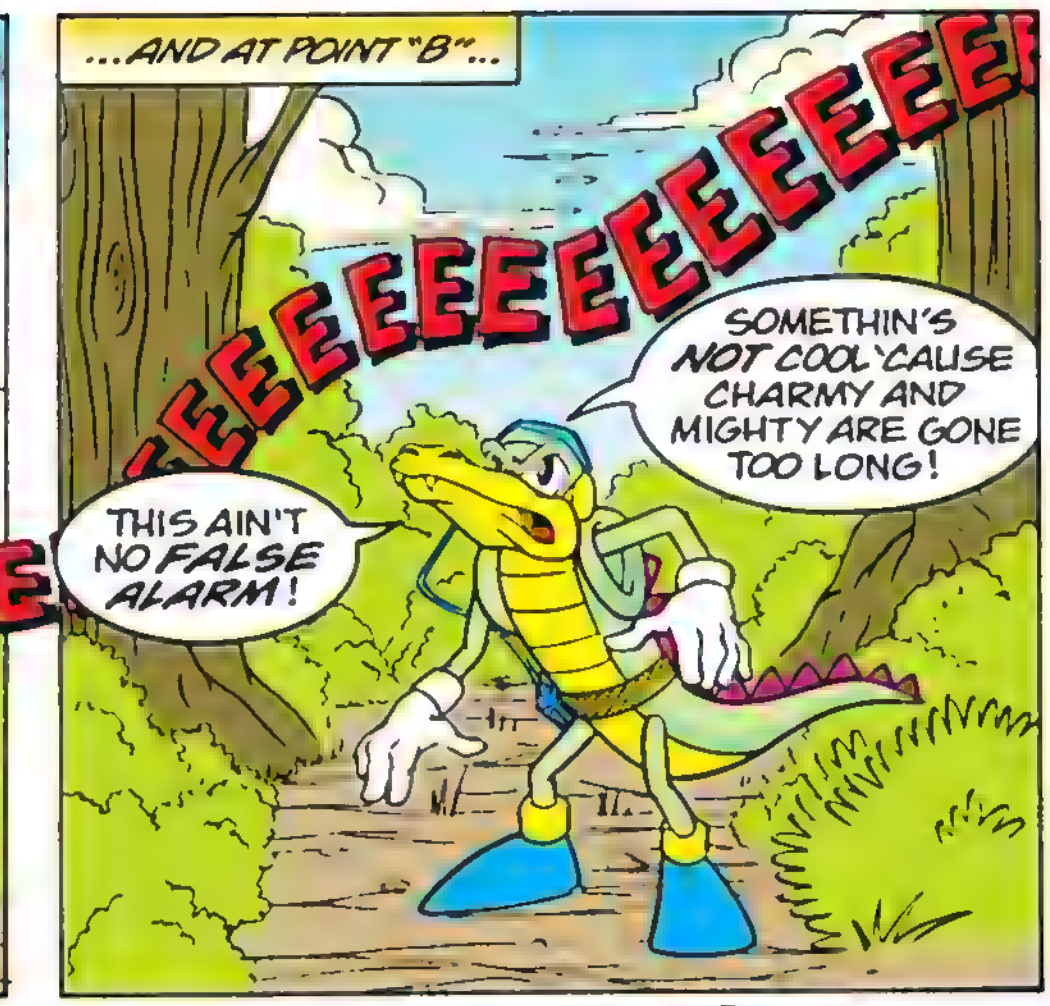

WHAT AM I DOING HERE?! ONLY SAVING EVERYBODY FROM YOU, SPINEBRAIN!
YEAH, RIGHT! G'WAN BACK TO YOUR FLOATING ISLAND, ECHIDNERD!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK ME TWICE! I MIGHT'VE KNOWN YOU'D BE UNGRATEFUL!

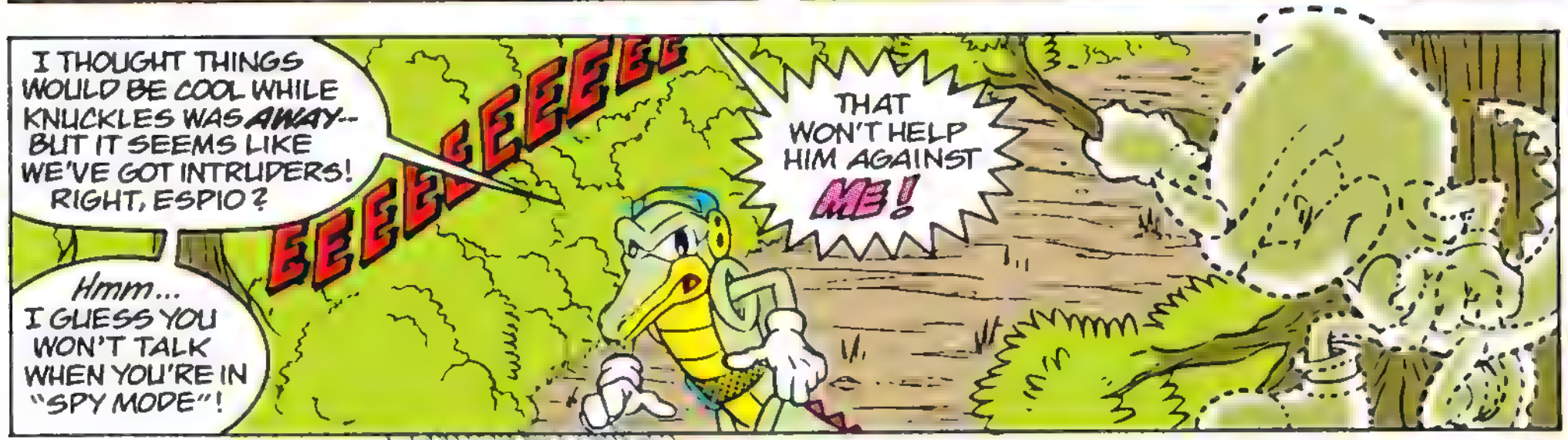

FORGET IT, SALLY... I'M FLYING HOME! I'LL CALL YOU SOMETIME-- AFTER YOU DUMP "MR. CONGENIALITY" THERE!
BUT--
I WANTED TO--
YOU--
ME...
?
OH, DRAT!

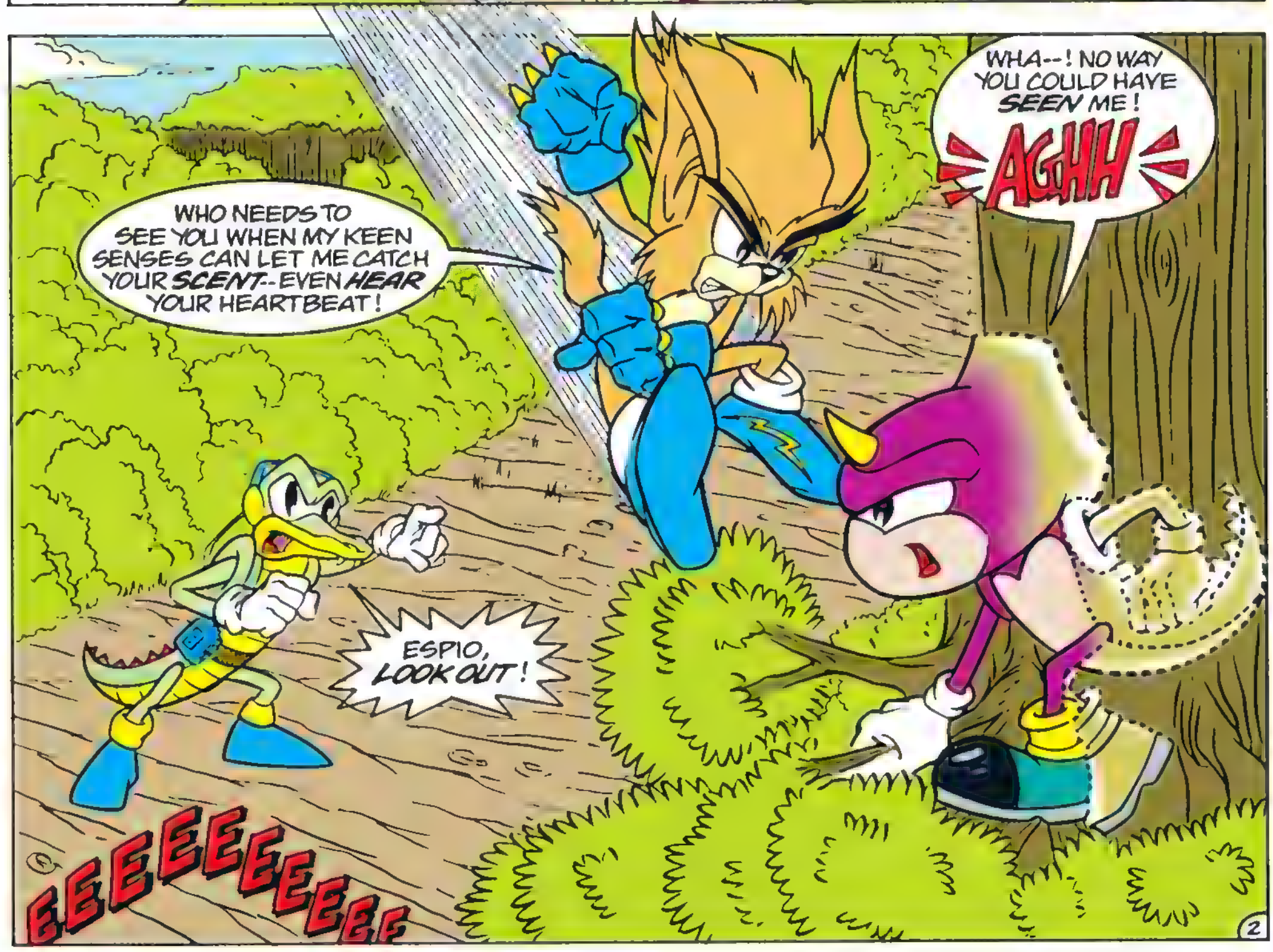

NICE GOING, HOT-HEAD! AFTER KNUX SAVED ALL OUR BUTTS!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? LAST THING I REMEMBER IS BEING ROBOTICIZED...
CHUCHANK
HANDCUFFS? WHAT'S THIS--SOME KIND OF JOKE?
AU CONTRAIRE, SONIC, YOU'RE UNDAIR ARREST!
'TWAN?
KINGDOM OF ACORN RULEBOOK-- SECTION L, PARAGRAPH 73... NICOLE?
"ANY SUBJECT DISOBEYING A DIRECT ORDER MUST BE TRIED FOR TREASON"!
:Gulp:
AND SONIC DID THAT WHEN HE ALLOWED ROBOTNIK TO MECH-ANIZE HIM!
NO! THAT'S NOT HOW IT HAPPENED!
SAVE IT FOR COURT, SONIC!
:Gasp: SALLY!
I'M AFRAID ANTOINE IS RIGHT... THE LAW IS CLEAR... TAKE THE TRAITOR IN!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
YOU'RE ALL NUTS! I'VE BEEN FRAMED!
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT...
THE END of MECHA-SONIC
BUT, STAY TUNED FOR
THE COURT-MARTIAL OF
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN
SONIC ARCHIVES #10

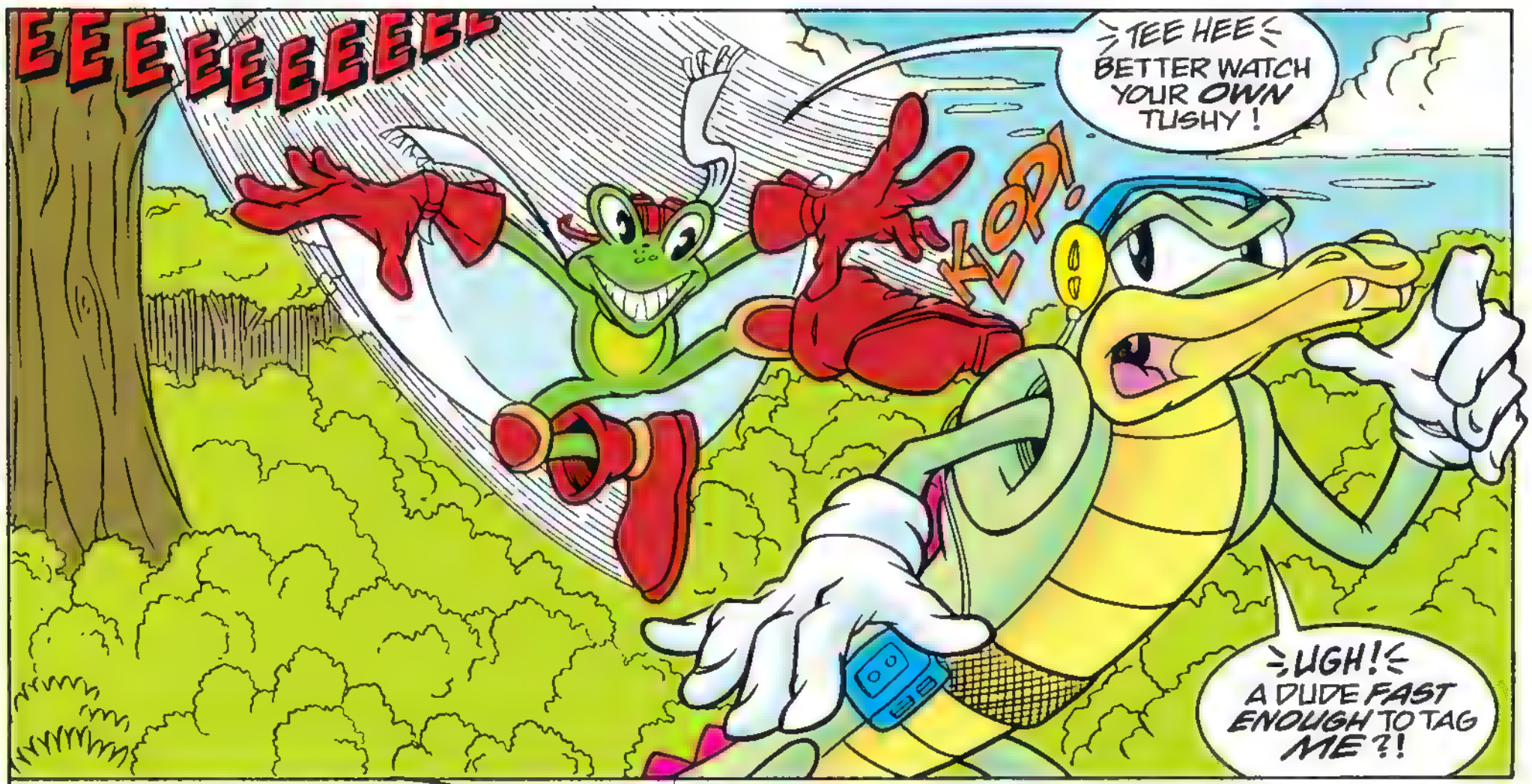
IT'S AMAZING...
FWAP!
IT'S AMAZING THAT WHILE A BATTLE HAS BEEN WON ON PLANET MOBIUS...*
...ANOTHER BATTLE IS BEING LOST ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!
* SEE MAIN STORY-- EDITOR
WE ARE NOT NATURAL ENEMIES, SMALL ONE, BUT THE AIR IS THE DOMAIN OF PREDATOR HAWK!
THUD
THEY CALL THIS BOY MIGHTY ?! WELL, HE'S PRETTY WEAK WHEN IT COMES TO GUERRILLA WARFARE!
BRACK
THE CHAOTIX
DON'T LET THE ISLAND HIT YOU ON THE WAY DOWN!

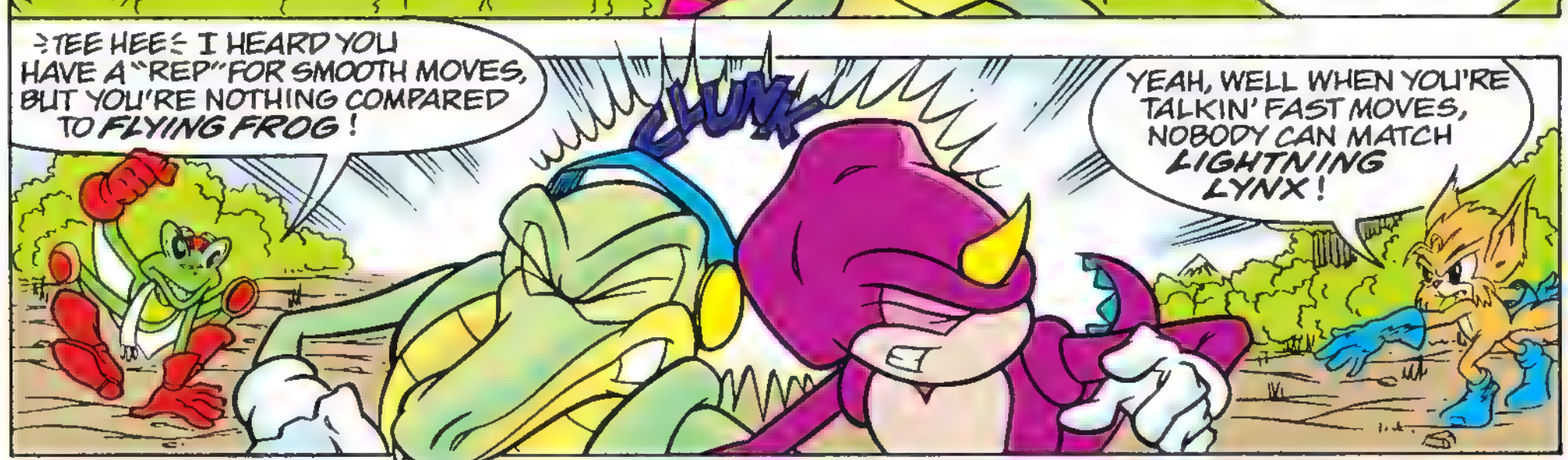

SGT. SIMIAN TO SQUAD TWO--OUR LANDING HAS SET OFF AN ALARM!
PROCEED TO POINT "B" WITH CAUTION!
EEEEE

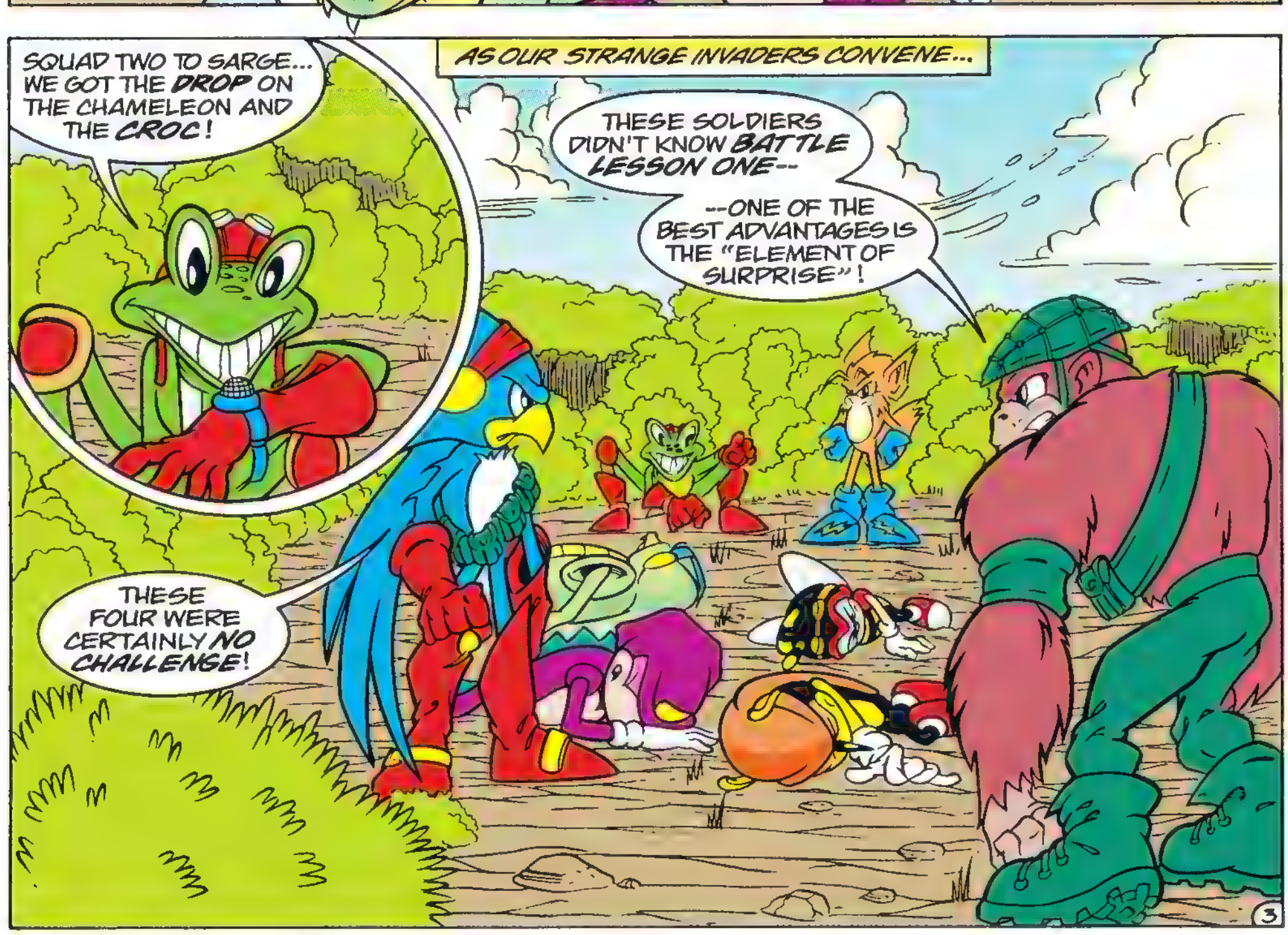

...AND AT POINT "B"...
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
SOMETHIN'S NOT COOL 'CAUSE CHARMY AND MIGHTY ARE GONE TOO LONG!
THIS AIN'T NO FALSE ALARM!

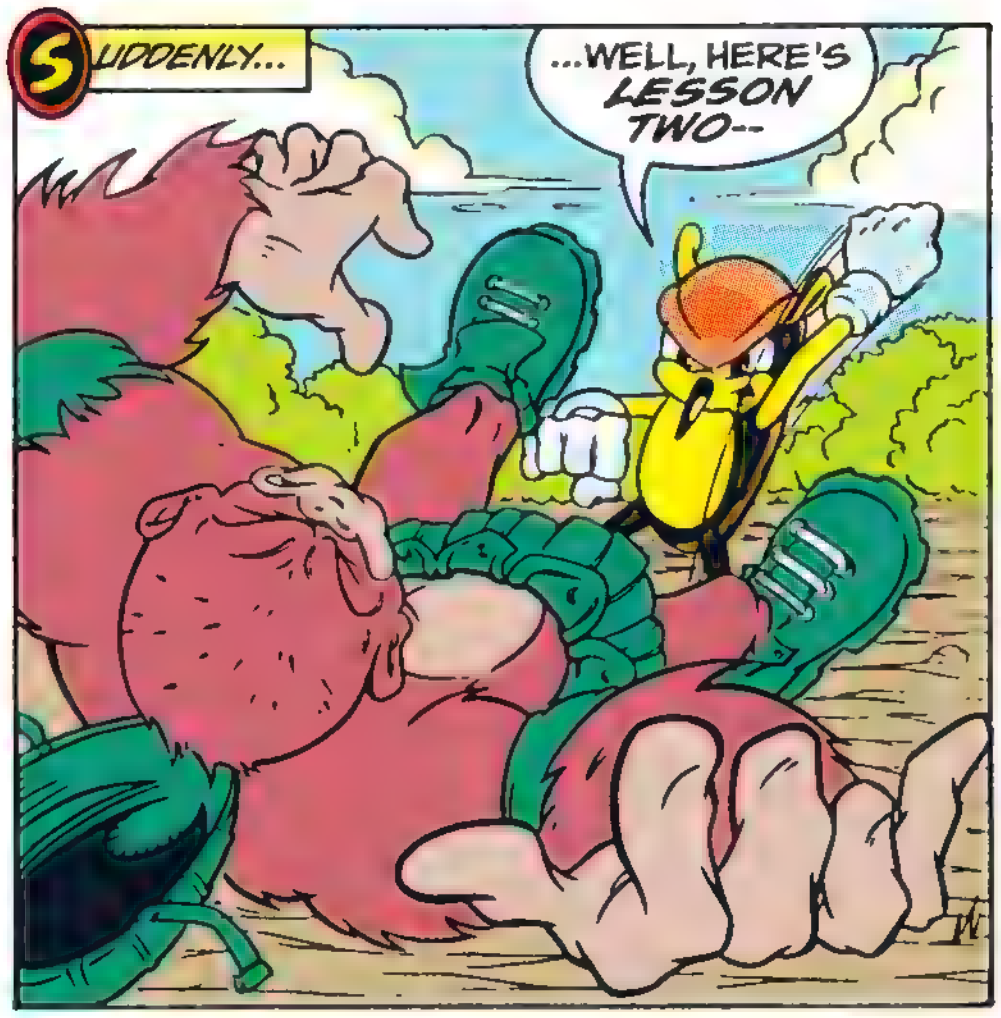

I THOUGHT THINGS WOULD BE COOL WHILE KNUCKLES WAS AWAY-- BUT IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE GOT INTRUDERS! RIGHT, ESPIO?
EEEEEEEEEE
THAT WON'T HELP HIM AGAINST ME!
Hmm... I GUESS YOU WON'T TALK WHEN YOU'RE IN "SPY MODE"!

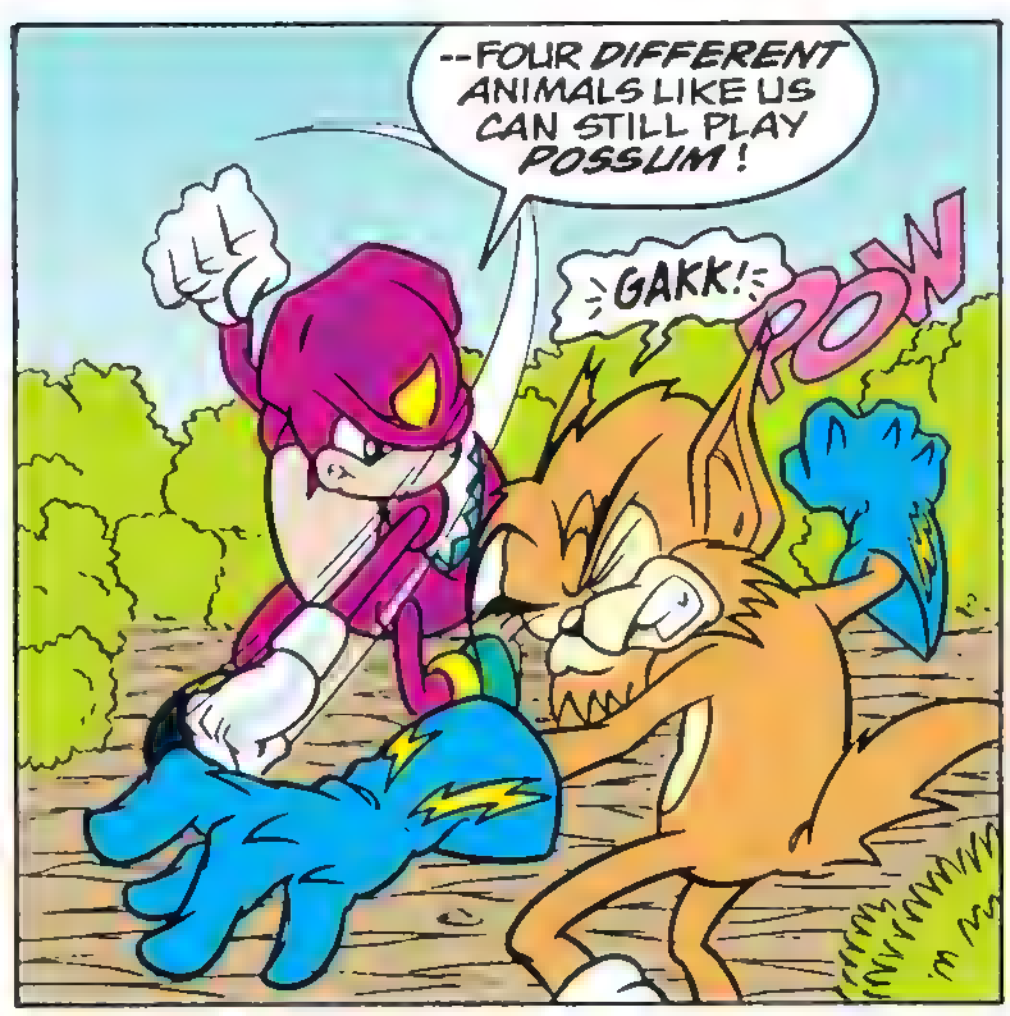

WHA--! NO WAY YOU COULD HAVE SEEN ME!
AGHH
WHO NEEDS TO SEE YOU WHEN MY KEEN SENSES CAN LET ME CATCH YOUR SCENT--EVEN HEAR YOUR HEARTBEAT!
ESPIO, LOOK OUT!
EEEEEEEEEEE

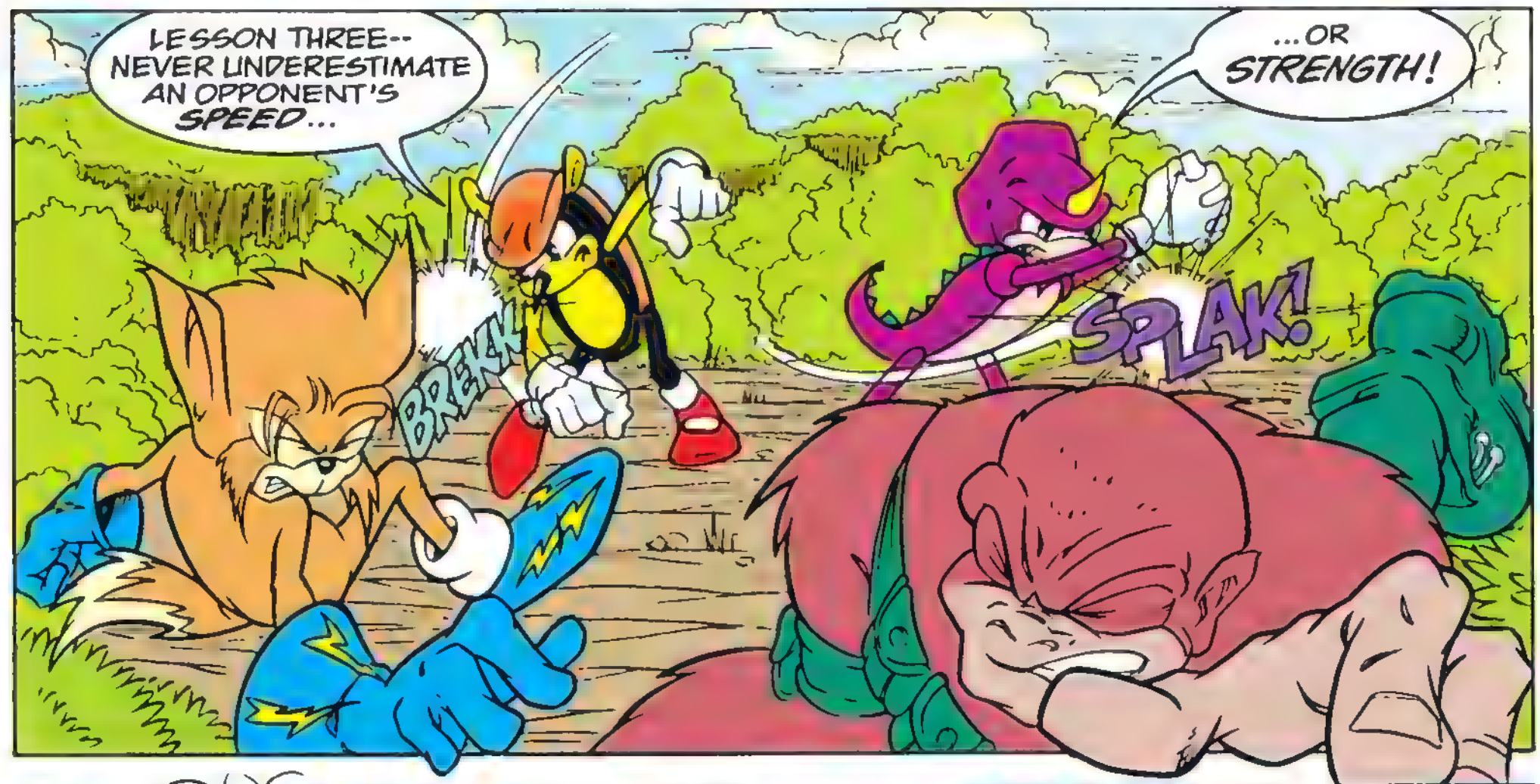

EEEEEEEEEE
TEE HEE BETTER WATCH YOUR OWN TUSHY!
KLOP!
UGH! A DUDE FAST ENOUGH TO TAG ME?!

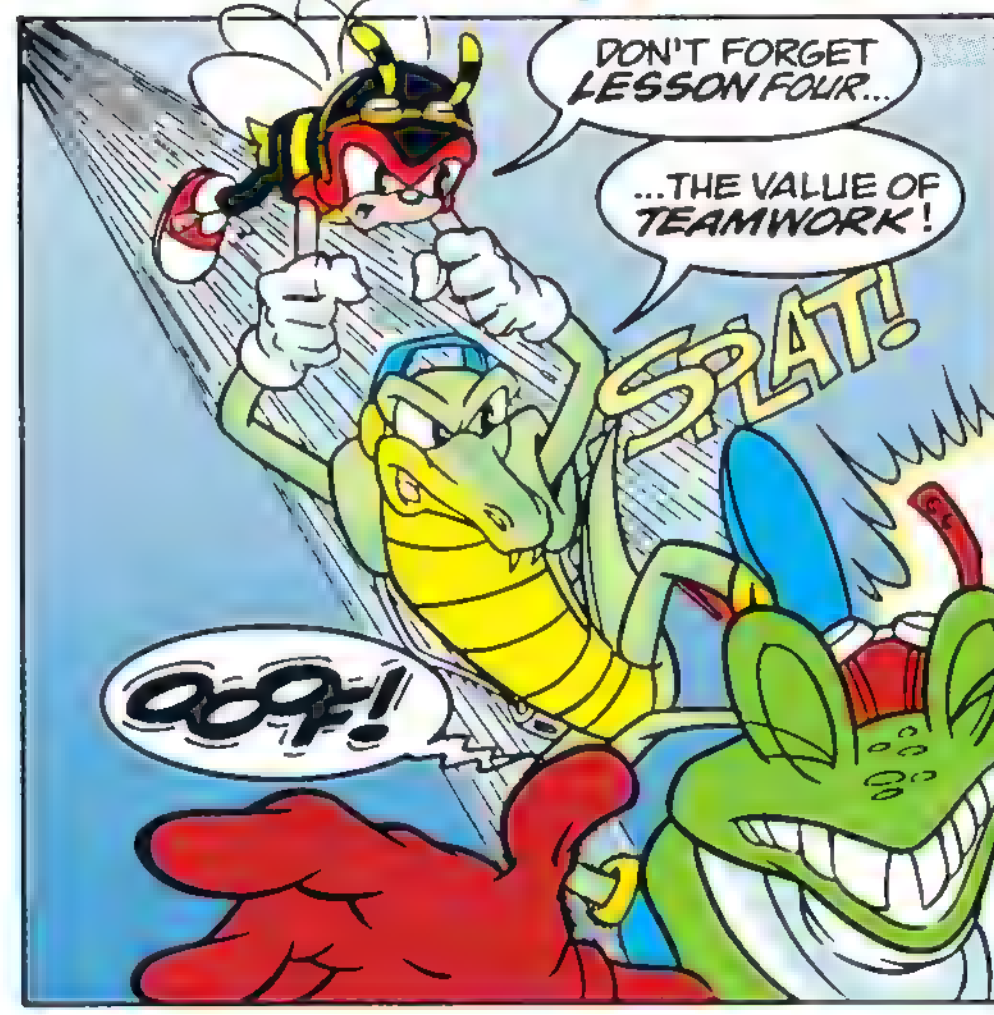

TEE HEE I HEARD YOU HAVE A "REP" FOR SMOOTH MOVES, BUT YOU'RE NOTHING COMPARED TO FLYING FROG!
CHUNK
YEAH, WELL WHEN YOU'RE TALKIN' FAST MOVES, NOBODY CAN MATCH LIGHTNING LYNX!


SQUAD TWO TO SARGE... WE GOT THE DROP ON THE CHAMELEON AND THE CROC!
AS OUR STRANGE INVADERS CONVENE...
THESE SOLDIERS DIDN'T KNOW BATTLE LESSON ONE--
--ONE OF THE BEST ADVANTAGES IS THE "ELEMENT OF SURPRISE"!
THESE FOUR WERE CERTAINLY NO CHALLENGE!


SUDDENLY...
...WELL, HERE'S LESSON TWO--

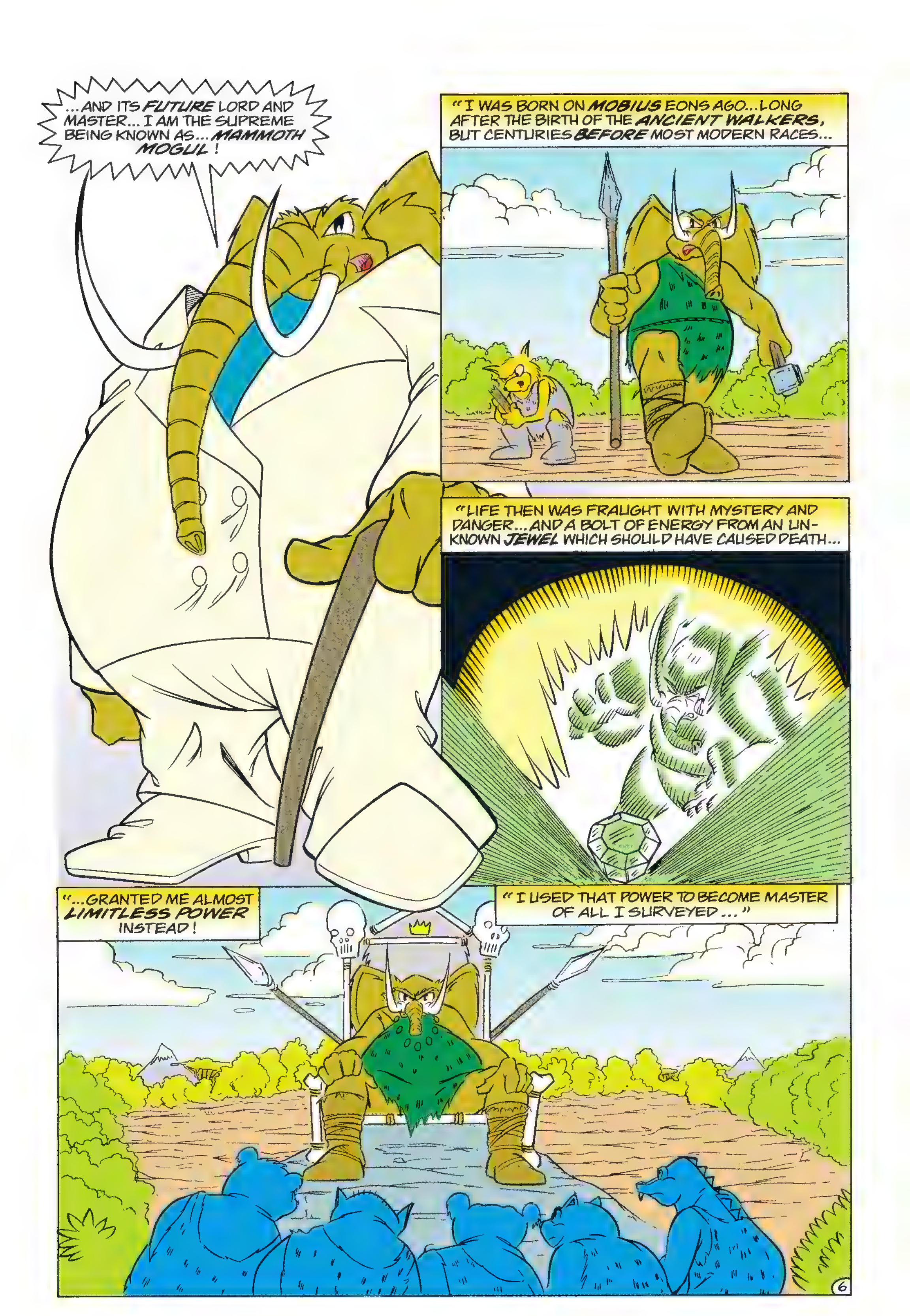

--FOUR DIFFERENT ANIMALS LIKE US CAN STILL PLAY POSSUM!
GAKK!
POW


LESSON THREE-- NEVER UNDERESTIMATE AN OPPONENT'S SPEED...
...OR STRENGTH!
BREKK!
SPLAK!


DON'T FORGET LESSON FOUR...
...THE VALUE OF TEAMWORK!
SPLAT!
OOF!

--OR LESSON FIVE--
SPLOW!
--SMALL THINGS CAN PACK A BIG PUNCH!
AGGH!

YEAH!
OK, TALK! WHO'RE YOU AND WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
THE ONLY THING YOU'LL LEARN TODAY ARE OUR NAMES, RANKS AND SERIAL NUMBERS...
...AND THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON OF ALL...
HUH...?
...ALWAYS EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!
THROW
YOU'VE ALREADY MET MY FEARSOME FOURSOME, NOW ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF...
...I AM THE FORMER RULER OF MOBIUS...


...AND ITS FUTURE LORD AND MASTER... I AM THE SUPREME BEING KNOWN AS... MAMMOTH MOGUL!
"I WAS BORN ON MOBIUS EONS AGO...LONG AFTER THE BIRTH OF THE ANCIENT WALKERS, BUT CENTURIES BEFORE MOST MODERN RACES...
"LIFE THEN WAS FRAUGHT WITH MYSTERY AND DANGER...AND A BOLT OF ENERGY FROM AN UNKNOWN JEWEL WHICH SHOULD HAVE CAUSED DEATH...
"...GRANTED ME ALMOST LIMITLESS POWER INSTEAD!
"I USED THAT POWER TO BECOME MASTER OF ALL I SURVEYED..."
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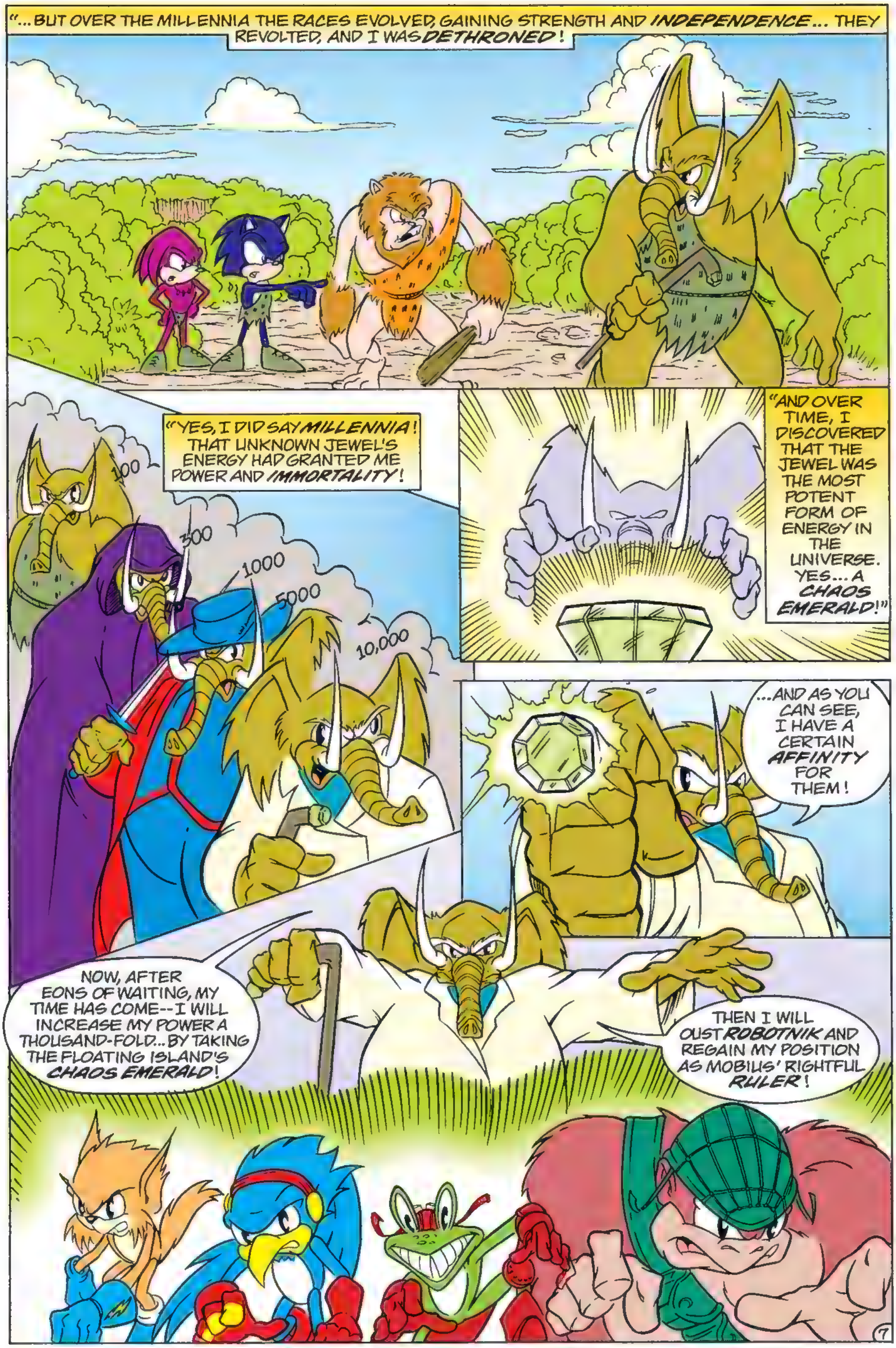
"...BUT OVER THE MILLENNIA THE RACES EVOLVED, GAINING STRENGTH AND INDEPENDENCE... THEY REVOLTED, AND I WAS DETHRONED!
"YES, I DID SAY MILLENNIA! THAT UNKNOWN JEWEL'S ENERGY HAD GRANTED ME POWER AND IMMORTALITY!
100
300
1000
5000
10,000
"AND OVER TIME, I DISCOVERED THAT THE JEWEL WAS THE MOST POTENT FORM OF ENERGY IN THE UNIVERSE. YES... A CHAOS EMERALD!"
...AND AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE A CERTAIN AFFINITY FOR THEM!
NOW, AFTER EONS OF WAITING, MY TIME HAS COME--I WILL INCREASE MY POWER A THOUSAND-FOLD... BY TAKING THE FLOATING ISLAND'S CHAOS EMERALD!
THEN I WILL OUST ROBOTNIK AND REGAIN MY POSITION AS MOBIUS' RIGHTFUL RULER!
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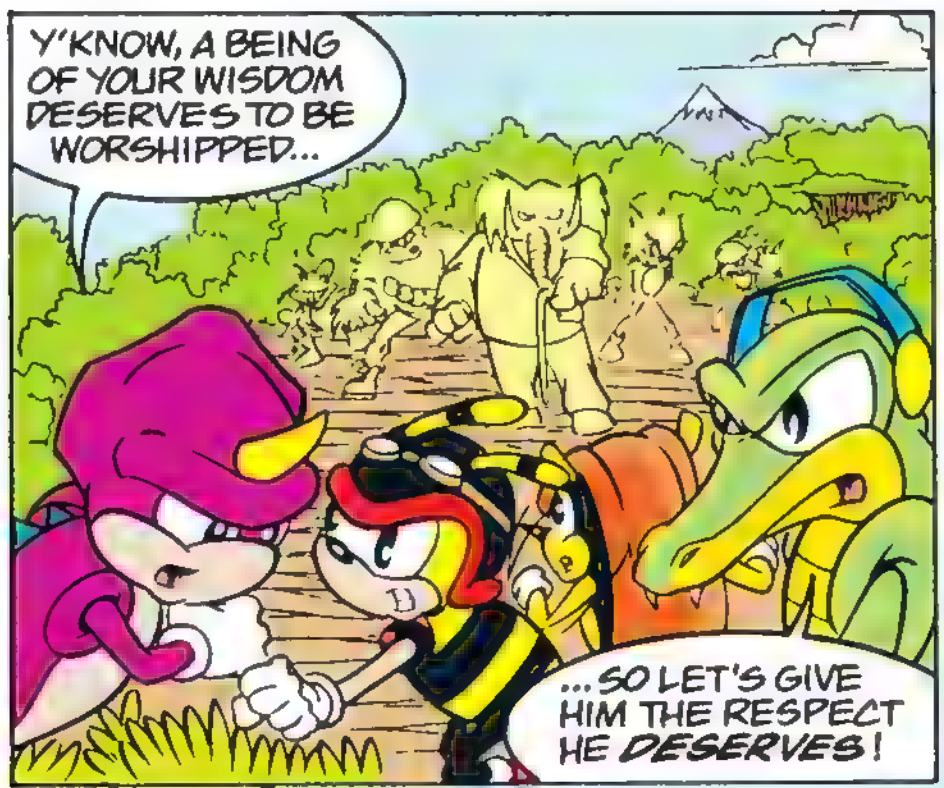
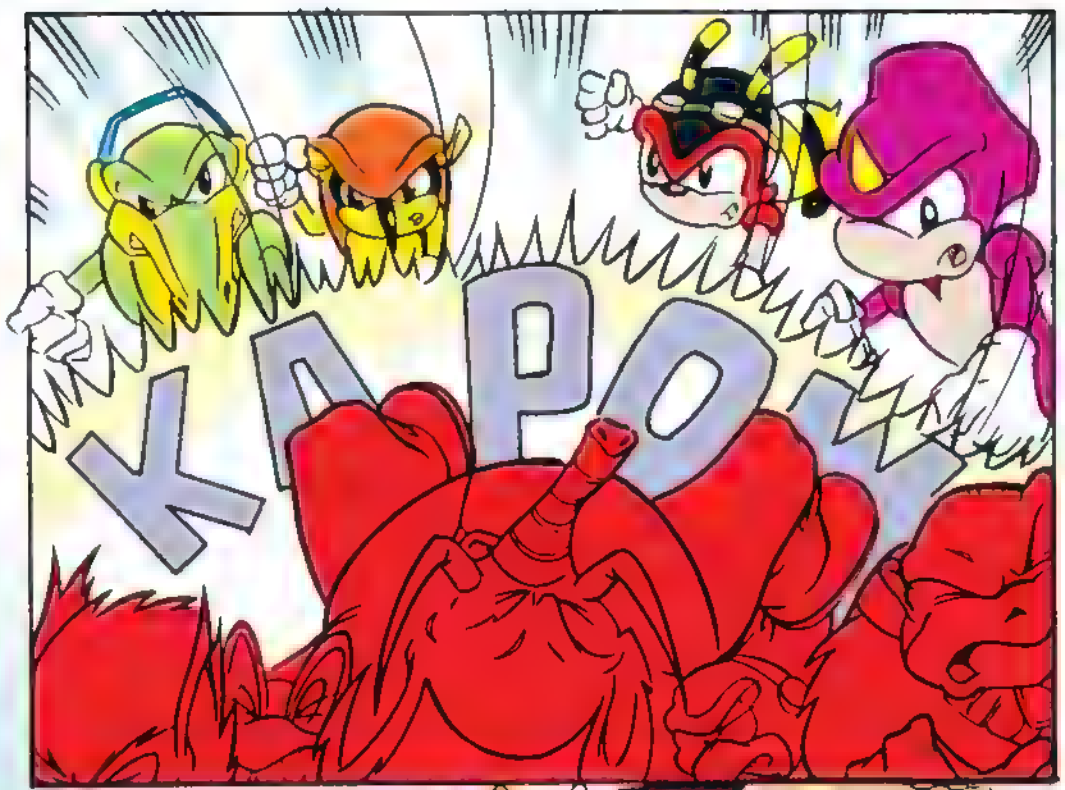
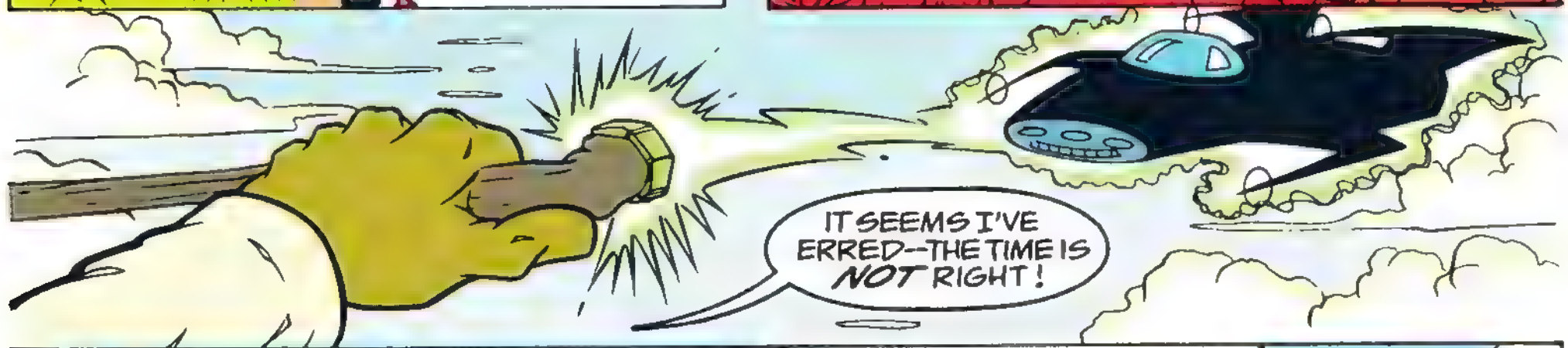
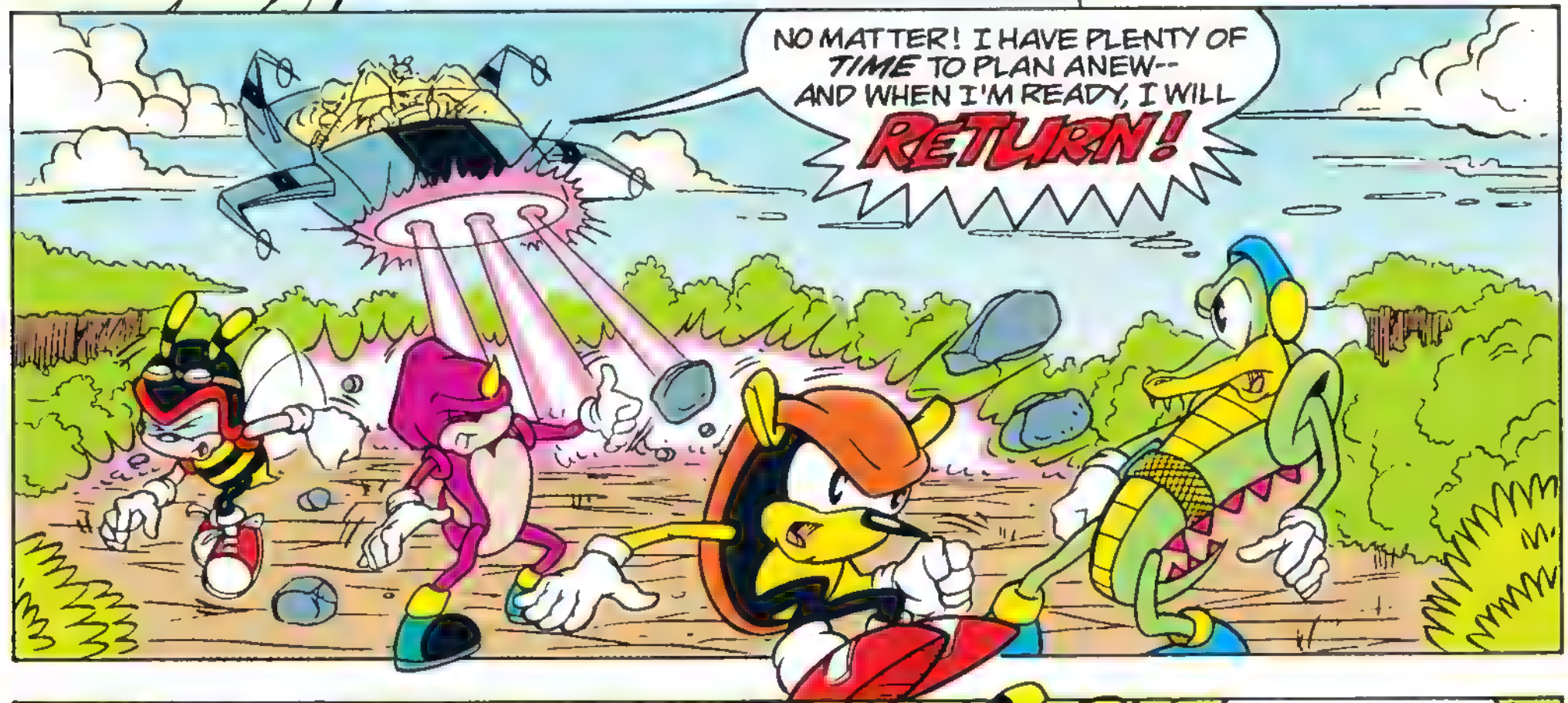
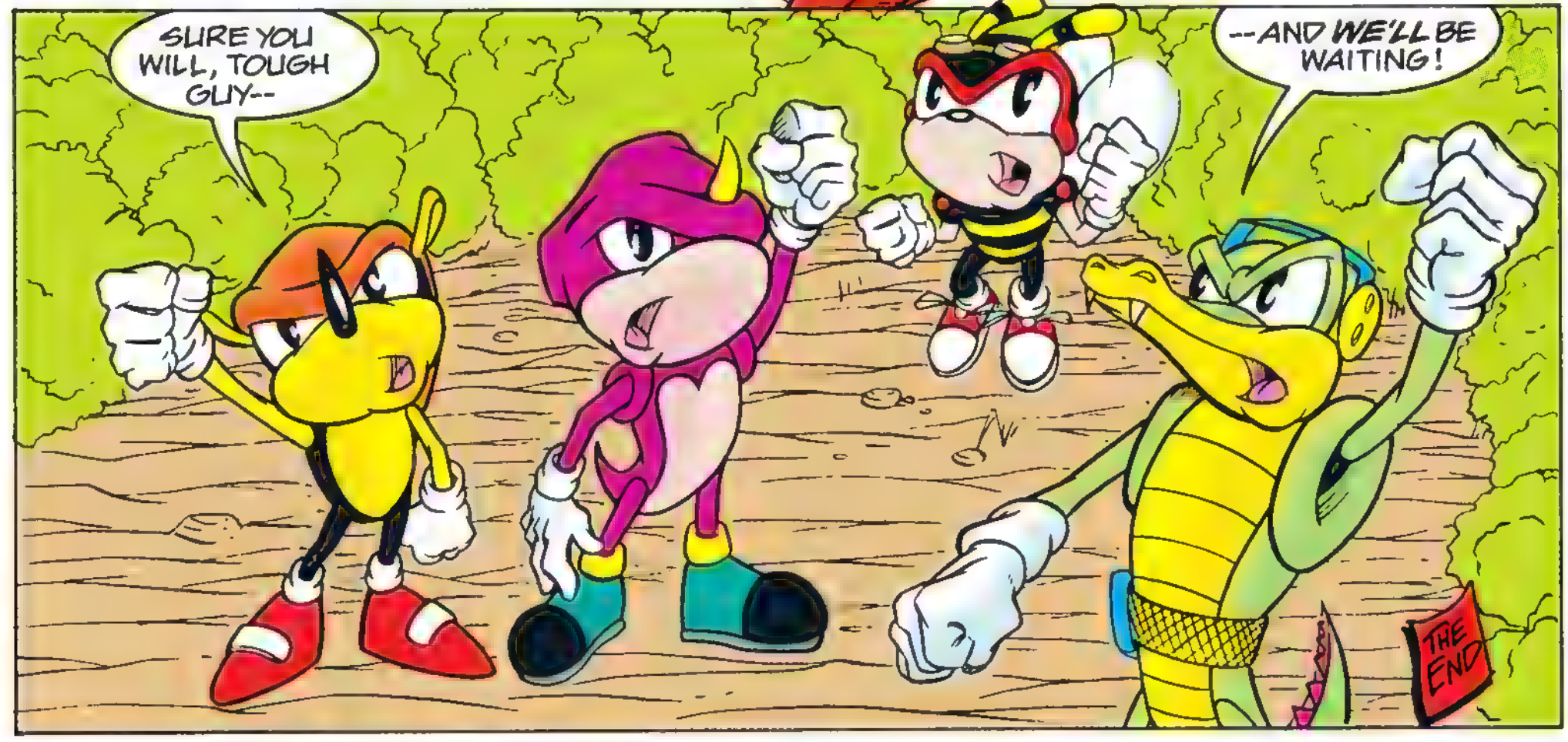
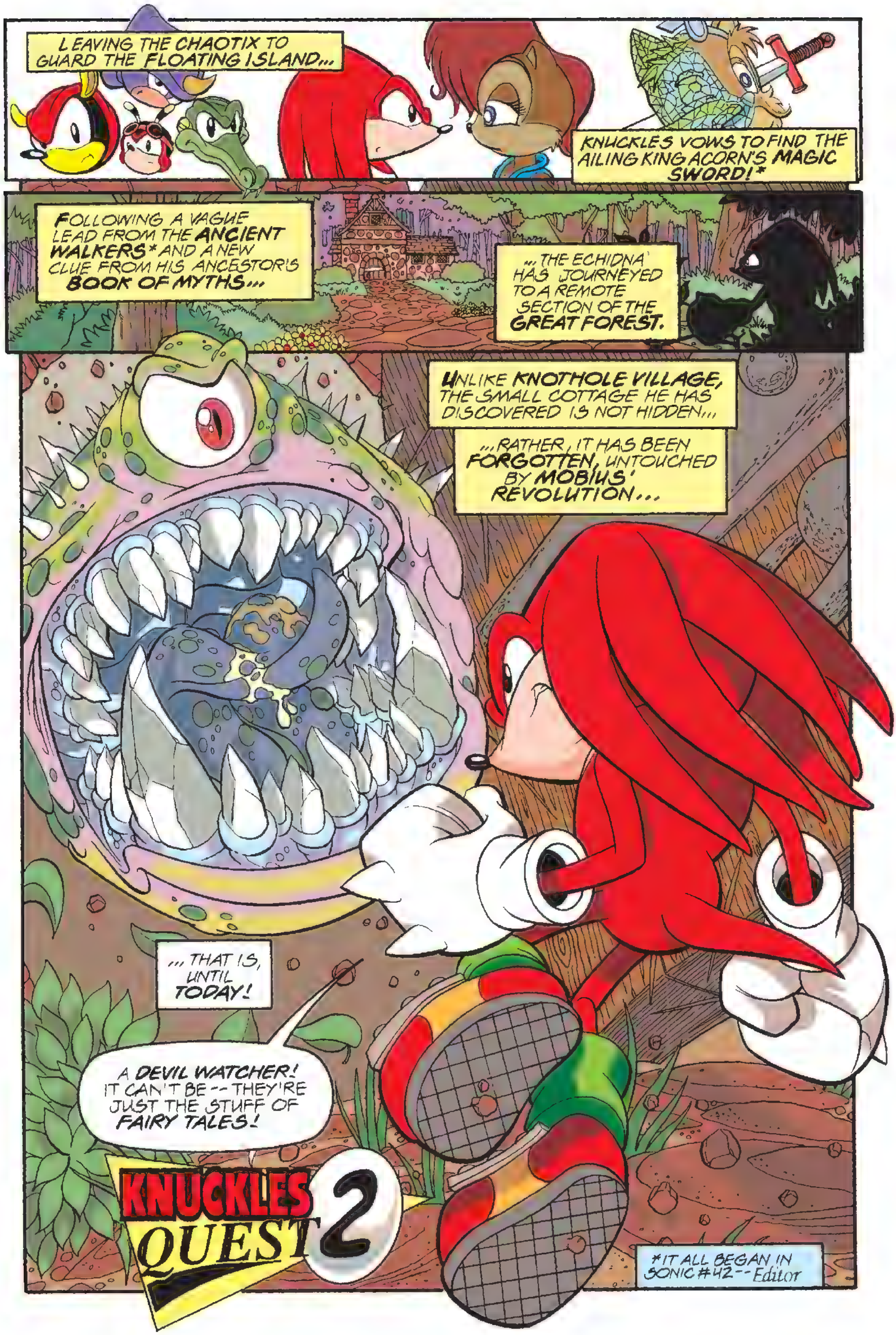

Y'KNOW, A BEING OF YOUR WISDOM DESERVES TO BE WORSHIPPED...
...SO LET'S GIVE HIM THE RESPECT HE DESERVES!


KAPOW

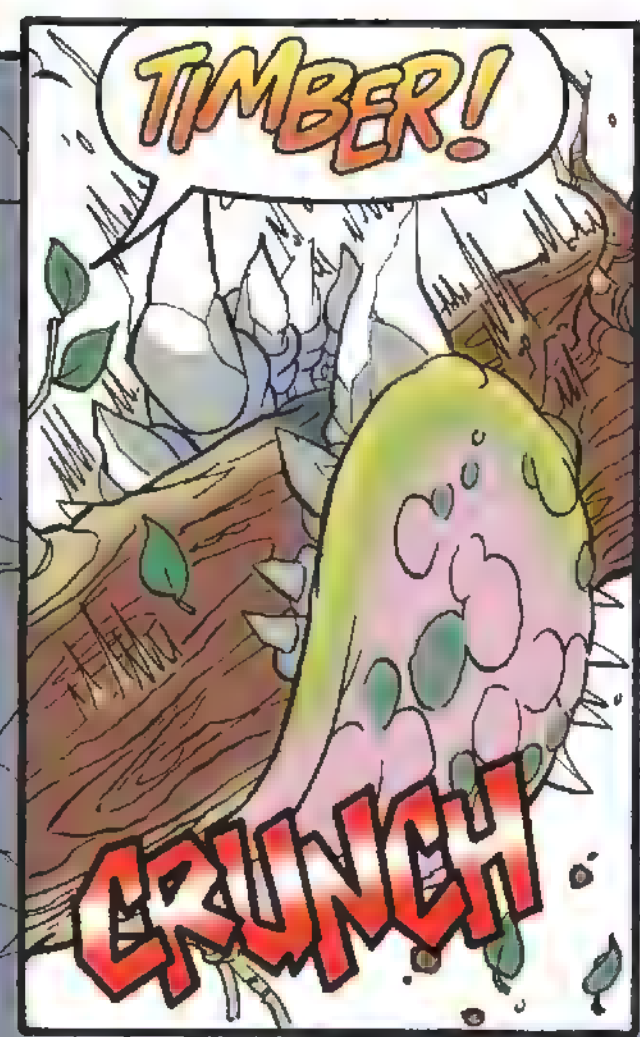

IT SEEMS I'VE ERRED--THE TIME IS NOT RIGHT!

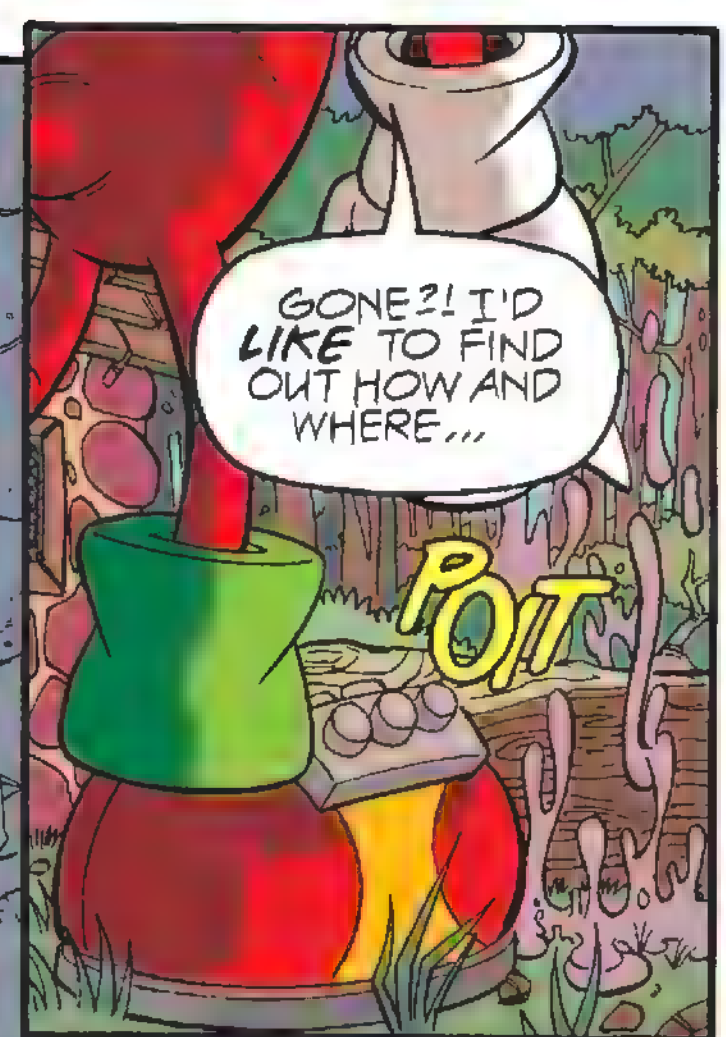

NO MATTER! I HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO PLAN ANEW-- AND WHEN I'M READY, I WILL RETURN!


SURE YOU WILL, TOUGH GUY--
--AND WE'LL BE WAITING!
THE END


LEAVING THE CHAOTIX TO GUARD THE FLOATING ISLAND...
KNUCKLES VOWS TO FIND THE AILING KING ACORN'S MAGIC SWORD!*
FOLLOWING A VAGUE LEAD FROM THE ANCIENT WALKERS* AND A NEW CLUE FROM HIS ANCESTOR'S BOOK OF MYTHS...
...THE ECHIDNA HAS JOURNEYED TO A REMOTE SECTION OF THE GREAT FOREST.
UNLIKE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, THE SMALL COTTAGE HE HAS DISCOVERED IS NOT HIDDEN...
...RATHER, IT HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN, UNTOUCHED BY MOBIUS' REVOLUTION...
...THAT IS, UNTIL TODAY!
A DEVIL WATCHER! IT CAN'T BE -- THEY'RE JUST THE STUFF OF FAIRY TALES!
KNUCKLES QUEST 2
*IT ALL BEGAN IN SONIC #42 -- Editor

REAL OR NOT, I DON'T PLAN ON BEING THIS GUY'S LUNCH!
KRAK


TIMBER!
CRUNCH


GONE?! I'D LIKE TO FIND OUT HOW AND WHERE...
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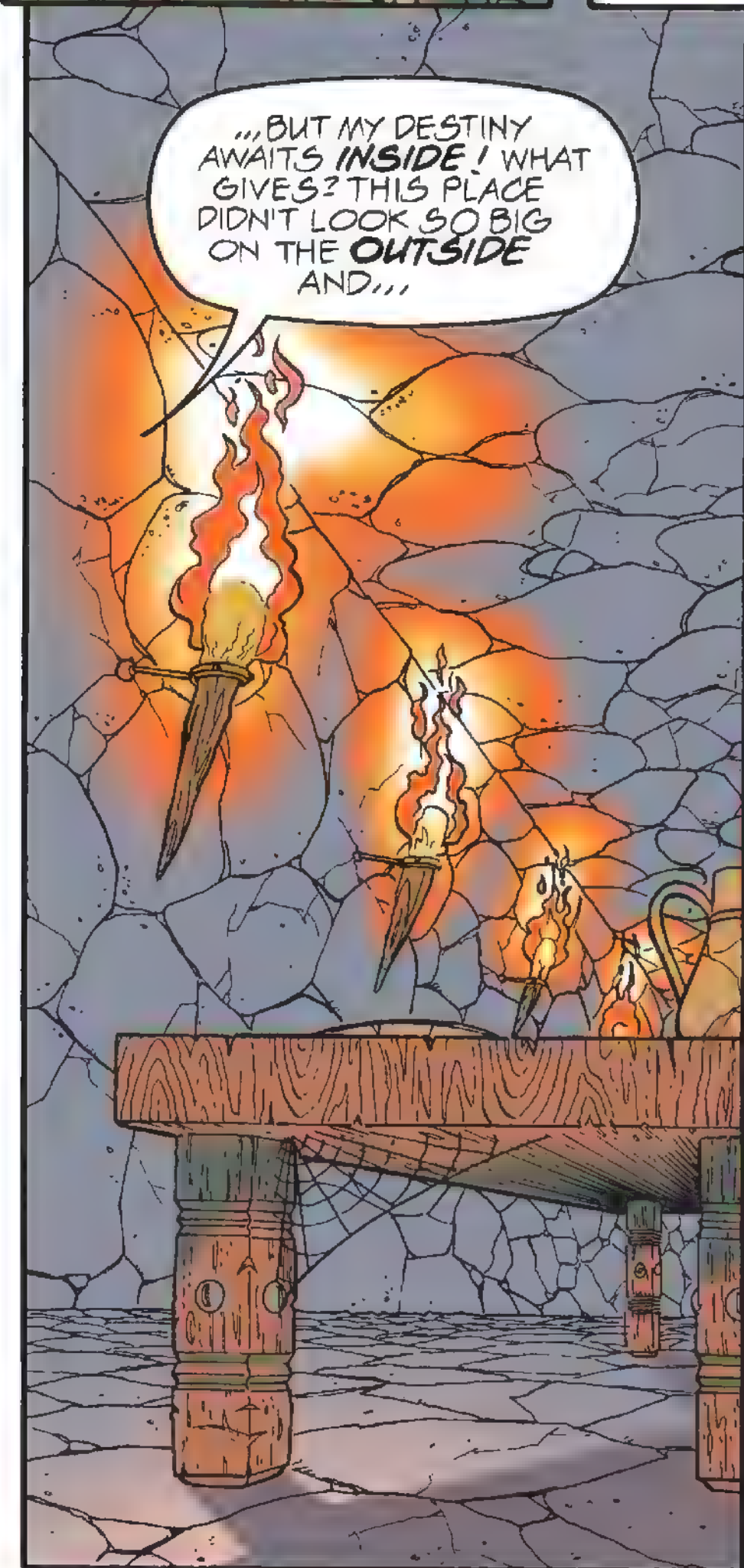
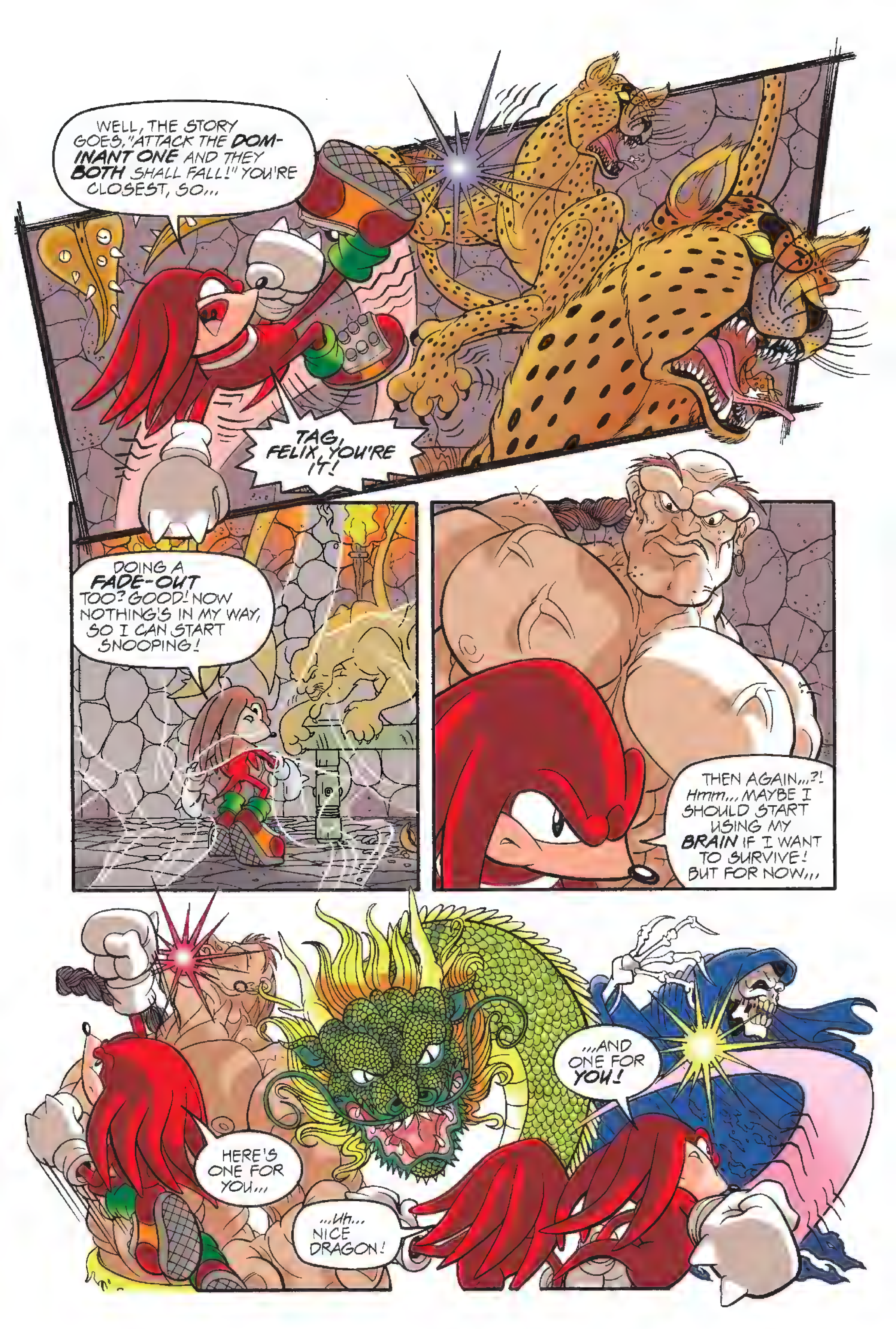

...BUT MY DESTINY AWAITS INSIDE! WHAT GIVES? THIS PLACE DIDN'T LOOK SO BIG ON THE OUTSIDE AND...

RRRAW
SKRR
BLOOD BEASTS! WHERE'RE ALL THESE STORYBOOK MONSTERS COMING FROM?!


WELL, THE STORY GOES, "ATTACK THE DOMINANT ONE AND THEY BOTH SHALL FALL!" YOU'RE CLOSEST, SO...
TAG, FELIX, YOU'RE IT!
DOING A FADE-OUT TOO? GOOD! NOW NOTHING'S IN MY WAY, SO I CAN START SNOOPING!
THEN AGAIN...?! Hmm... MAYBE I SHOULD START USING MY BRAIN IF I WANT TO SURVIVE! BUT FOR NOW...
HERE'S ONE FOR YOU...
...UH... NICE DRAGON!
...AND ONE FOR YOU!

"I'VE GOT TO **THINK HARD...** EXAMINE THE ANCIENT WALKERS' CRYPTIC MESSAGE..."

ON A ONCE **LUSH** WORLD AND ITS HUNK OF **FLOATING STONE,** THERE EXISTS A SORCERER, WIZARD AND ALCHEMIST WHO STAND ALONE...

A **CHARLATAN, ENCHANTRESS** AND **PALADIN** WITH **FAIRNESS** AND COURAGE THOU MUST FACE...

CHARLATAN... FAIRNESS... STORY-BOOK MONSTERS... **THAT'S IT!**

SIR, FORGIVE ME FOR **INVADING** YOUR HOME! I'M REALLY ON A **PEACEFUL MISSION** TO FIND KING ACORN'S SWORD!

LOOKS LIKE USING THE OL' **NOODLE** PAID OFF -- THE MONSTERS -- THE COTTAGE'S **APPEARANCE...** IT'S ALL AN **ILLUSION!**

THE BENEVOLENT ANCIENT WALKERS GRANTED YOU AN **AUDIENCE,** AND IN LIGHT OF THE FACT YOU'VE LEARNED MY **SECRET,** I CAN DO NO LESS!

YOU KINDA GAVE YOURSELF AWAY BY ATTACKING WITH CHILDREN'S BOOGEY MONSTERS!
HA! A TRUE CHARLATAN USES BOTH HIS POWERS OF ILLUSION AND HIS IMAGINATION TO PROTECT HIMSELF!
...AND IN MY YOUTH I ALSO USED THEM IN SERVICE OF THE KING!
THEN YOU KNOW WHERE THE ROYAL SWORD IS?
The Land of Dark
NO, BUT YOU MAY RECEIVE GUIDANCE FROM SOMEONE IN THE LAND OF DARK--IF YOU CAN EVEN LOCATE THIS MYSTERIOUS REALM!
LOCATE?! YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS? GREAT! JUST GREAT!
SORRY. I WISH YOU LUCK AND A SAFE JOURNEY.
IF YOU SEE SIRE ACORN AGAIN, TELL HIM MERLIN PROWER WISHES HIM WELL!
I'LL SEE HIM AGAIN ALRIGHT--AND WHEN I DO I'LL HAVE HIS SWORD! BELIEVE IT!
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